

OUR BELIEFS AND PRACTICES REGARDING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is a wonderful gift given by God to His church. Jesus began this sacred act and also commanded that His followers observe it regularly (1 Corinthians 11:23-25). In this supper, Jesus gives His true body and blood as we eat simple bread and drink simple wine. As He does this, He offers the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith in Him (Matthew 26:28, 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:27). These gifts are received through faith in Jesus Christ and are not given as the result of our actions. Rather they come by the promise of God. Holy Communion is a work of God. The celebration of Holy Communion is also a testimony to the unity that exists in a congregation of fellow believers (1 Corinthians 10:17). As we receive communion, we are also making a public statement that we believe, teach, and confess the same things that are taught from the altar at which we commune while at the same time acknowledging the responsibility that we have to care for one another in Christian love.

Like any gift, Holy Communion can be misused and actually cause harm to those who misuse it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). God's Word teaches us that we are to examine ourselves before we receive communion. Among the questions that we should ask ourselves are: do I believe that Jesus is my savior (John 3:16-18), that He is truly present bodily in this sacrament, and am I in unity with the teachings of this altar and with those who commune here? If not and we receive the Lord's Supper anyway, we may receive the Lord's discipline (1 Corinthians 11:29ff). Under these circumstances, it would be better to wait to receive Holy Communion until such issues can be resolved.

A helpful list of additional questions for use in examining ourselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper was prepared by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther. We commend it to your use. It can be found on pages 329-330 of the hymnal.

It is not possible to properly and fully address such a wonderful gift as Holy Communion in one simple card. **So, if you have questions, are unsure about how to use this precious sacrament, or have not been instructed in the faith of the Lutheran Church as summarized in Luther's Small Catechism, please speak with our Pastor or an elder before communing.**

Articles for our weekly bulletin are due by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Articles for the Trinity Times are due by the 15th of each month. You may continue submitting them via: officetlc@tleavenworth.org

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on the radio Sunday mornings: KCCV 760 at 8:30 AM; KFEQ (St. Joseph MO) 680 at 8:30 AM; WIBW (Topeka) 580 at 7:30 AM or anytime on the web at: LHM.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

	December 14 & 15	December 21 & 22
Elders	5:30 pm Doug Wickland 8:00 am Tom Sedlock 8:00 am Ron Romig 8:00 am Mark Denney 8:00 am Tom Johnson 8:00 am Scott Schimke 9:30 am Jeff Thorne 9:30 am Aaron Adams 10:45 am Jean Fluevog 10:45 am Dave Goebel 10:45 am Sean Wittmeier 10:45 am Derrick Robinette	5:30 pm Doug Wickland 8:00 am Tom Sedlock 8:00 am Ron Romig 8:00 am Mark Denney 8:00 am Tom Johnson 8:00 am Scott Schimke 9:30 am Jeff Thorne 9:30 am Tom Adams 9:30 am Aaron Adams 10:45 am Jean Fluevog 10:45 am Dave Goebel 10:45 am Sean Wittmeier 10:45 am Derrick Robinette
Cantor	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low
Greeters	8:00 am Aaron Adams 9:30 am LeAnn Mendoza 10:45 am Derrick and Anna Robinette	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Kathy Rush 10:45 am TBD
Lay Reader	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Brandy Hamilton 10:45 am Priscilla LoPresti	8:00 am Cathy Summers 9:30 am Jeff Thorne 10:45 am Derrick Robinette
Usher	8:00 am Bob Summers 8:00 am TJ Johnson 9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod 10:45 am Jean Fluevog 10:45 am Dave Goebel	8:00 am Bob Summers 8:00 am TJ Johnson 9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod 10:45 am Jean Fluevog 10:45 am Dave Goebel
Altar Guild	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathy Rush Cleanup Marilyn Rielle	9:30 am Kathleen Adams 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Marilyn Parsons

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

CHILDREN'S CLASSES
(9:30 AM)
Opening is in the Fellowship Hall
Pre-KCathy Summers and Meghan Cameron
K - 2Dawn Gnuthake (YR)
Grades 3 - 5Emily Snyder (FH)
Grades 6-12Mark and Becky Denney (Pink House)
Sunday School SuperintendentTiffany Battle
Sunday School Music DirectorAbbi Taves

ADULT CLASS
(9:30 AM)
Pastor Nathan Nelson
East Room

HOW WE HAVE RESPONDED

Average Weekly giving needed for 2024 Work Program.	\$ 9,568.00
How we responded last week.	\$ 13,893.73
Giving needed for 2024 work program YTD	\$ 468,832.00
How we responded YTD 2024	\$ 423,934.65

ATTENDANCE	December 8	
Bible Study	Kids Sunday School	11
Attendance	Adult Sunday Bible Class	13
	LWML	9
	Monday PM / Pastor	0
	Tuesday AM Bible Class	10
	Wednesday AM / Pastor	0
	Wednesday PM / Pastor	0

Worship Attendance	5:30 PM	27
	8:00 AM	41
	9:30 AM	62
	9:30 AM LIVE	3
	9:30 AM VIEWS	15
	10:45 AM	59
	10:45 AM LIVE	6
	10:45 AM VIEWS	14
	TOTAL FACE TO FACE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	189
*Not Reported	TOTAL LIVE	9
	TOTAL VIEWS	29



Welcome!

If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us! Our hope is that you will hear the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together and experience His grace in our fellowship.

December 15, 2024

*Trinity's Mission:
To gather people to build relationships in Christ.*

We appreciate our guests who have worshipped with us these past weeks.

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

NURSERY TALES....Parents of small children, do you need a moment of peace in worship? Child care is provided for children ages birth to 4 years at all services on Sunday mornings.

"BUSY BAGS" are available in the narthex for young children while ushers have the children's bulletins.

CHANGING TABLES are located in the nursery and the handicap restroom. Ushers can direct you to the nearest location.

Whether guest or member, please sign the **ATTENDANCE CARD** located on the desk in the narthex, or in the pew backs, and return them in the offering plate.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available upon request. Please contact Pastor Snyder or Pastor Nelson for more information.

If you are attending **HOLY COMMUNION** today please read through the ivory insert card in the hymnal to review our teaching concerning the Lord's Supper. If you have questions, please speak with one of our pastors or one of our elders.

Children are invited to **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** during each Sunday worship service. Children go to the Fellowship Hall before the sermon for Children's Church, then return after the sermon.

PLEASE NOTE: Cameras capable of audio and video recording are in use at our facility.

Our Welcome Center is open in an effort to help our guests feel welcomed and informed, and for our regular members to keep updated on activities here at Trinity. Look for us in the narthex.

Desire a hospital call? If you are entering a hospital, please contact the church office. We would like to have the opportunity to minister to you. Due to changes in privacy policy in area hospitals, the church will not know you are in the hospital.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the life of our parish. If you would like to become a member of Trinity, mark the appropriate box on the worship attendance card, or speak with Pastor Snyder or Pastor Nelson.

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Text "Luther" to 84576 or go to Trinity's website to join our parish-wide communication system called Flocknotes.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday December 15

8:00 AM Traditional (S)
9:30 AMPraise Service (S)
9:30 AMSS/Bible Study
10:45 AMTraditional (S)

Monday December 16

Tuesday December 17

(Trinity House Open 10:00 AM-1:00 PM)
9:45 AMWomen's Bible Study (ER)

Wednesday December 18

(Trinity House Open 10:00 AM-1:00 PM)
6:00 PMMeal — Taco Crunch (Bd of Elders)
7:00 PMAdvent Service (S)

Thursday December 19

(Trinity House Open 10:00 AM-1:00 PM)
6:30 PMAHG (FH)
7:00 PMTrinity Choir (L)
8:15 PMTrinity Bell Choir (ER)

Friday December 20

Saturday December 21

5:30 PMWorship (S)

*****Please note:** This calendar is not a facility usage scheduling calendar. It is not exhaustive. **ALL** requests for space at Trinity must be directed to Trinity's secretary in order to secure reserved space. ***** THIS INCLUDES ALL BOARDS AND GROUPS. As a consideration, please let the office know of meeting changes, dates and times.**

ER = East Room (1) Senior Youth Room
FH = Fellowship Hall (2) Education Office
(3) Sunday School Opening Room
FHS = Fellowship Hall stage area
L = Loft (4) 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Room
N = Narthex (5) Music Office
OC = Office Complex (6) Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grade
PH = Pink House (7) Junior Youth Room
PO = Pastor's Office (8) Pre School Room
S = Sanctuary (9) Teal Room
YR = Youth Room (10) Music Room

WHAT'S GOING ON cont.

Doesn't the church look lovely in preparation for our Lord's coming? Please be sure to thank the following people who shared their time on Saturday morning to make ready for the Advent season. Grace and Austin White and little Olivia who added ornaments and giggles, Aaron Adams and his boys James and Isaiah who helped hang wreaths and ornaments to the tree, Lori Golon and Jeff Thorne creating the beautiful blue adorned tree in the narthex, Grant Zschoke for masterfully hanging the seasonal drape on the cross, Regina and David Bruner and their adult son Paul for decorating the fellowship hall, cleaning the choir loft and finally Laura and John Gray, Ron Romig and Gina Garner. Nehemiah 3 tells us " many hands make light work" and this is most certainly true! Thank you to everyone!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

WHAT'S GOING ON

So what do we do in Sunday School? Our Sunday School for children takes place in the church basement. At 9:30 am we gather in the large room for our Opening. Mrs. Abbi Taves presents highlights of the Bible story for the day along with a Bible Verse. An offering is taken before we go to the classrooms. Here we study the story again, practice the Bible Verse, and make a craft that highlights the story. In the classes for the younger children we learn to share toys, engage in play experiences and to cleanup after ourselves. The older children study the story in depth, practice memory work, and enjoy making a more elaborate craft. At 10:20 am we then gather as a group for Closing where we sing, dance, and celebrate our Baptismal birthdays, closing with prayer. Sunday School is FUN!

Coming to a Sanctuary near you! Mary and Joseph will be traveling to Bethlehem.... Shepherds will be keeping watch over their flocks by night Angels from heaven will appear Don't miss the Sunday School Musical! Sunday, **December 22** at the 10:45 am service.

December HYMN OF THE MONTH: This month's hymn of the month is Once He Came In Blessing composed by Johann Horn (Ruh), a native of Bohemia now known as the Czech Republic. He was appointed as a priest to the Brethren community in 1518. The text of this hymn was translated by Catherine Winkworth born in Holborn, England. She lived with relatives in Dresden, Germany and was very accomplished in translating German Hymnals. She was a pioneer of women's rights urging higher education be allowed. **FOR MORE INFORMATION** please check out the music bulletin board next to the nursery. Merry Christmas!!!!!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Trinity received, packed and shipped 1441 shoeboxes over the collection week, 600 more than last year. Thanks to the volunteers who helped: John and Laura Gray, Kathy Rush, Tom Adams, Roberta Eddy, Ann Highfill, Anna Robinette and Pastor Nathan. Special thanks to J.F. Denney for supplying the truck and driver to transport the boxes.

The Christmas Dinner will be on **December 25** from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The meal is for everyone. Please help by signing up for food donations. The sign up board is in the narthex on the bulletin board. We also need volunteers to setup, serve and clean up. Financial donations are welcome. Thank you Kurt Coyle and Pat Coyle.

The College Care boxes are in the mail and should arrive in time for our students to have some treats while studying for finals. The boxes are a result of contributions from many people. Thanks to everyone who contributed snacks and notes for the boxes - we were blessed with many contributions this year! Thanks to Robin and Dave Goebel for donating Starbucks gift cards. Thanks to Sheri Genail for running small Advent devotion booklets. Finally thanks to Pat Hickson, Ron Romig, and John Gray for helping pack the boxes.

STEWARDSHIP

Philippians 4:5-6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

BIBLE STUDIES

BIBLE STUDIES – Trinity is currently offering the following Bible studies:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. (East Room) Study on the book of Colossians led by Pastor Nathan
Sunday (Pastor & Emily's home) Dinner and video study for young couples 'How to Respond to Muslims'
Monday 7:00 p.m. (East Room) Study on the book of Genesis led by Pastor Damian
Tuesday 9:45 a.m. (East Room) 'The Mighty and the Mysterious: A Study of Colossians' led by Nadine Roth
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (East Room) 'How to Respond to Jehovah's Witness' led by Pastor Damian
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (East Room) Same study as Monday evening class led by Pastor Damian

5:30 PM

The Divine Service

Page 184 in the Lutheran Service Book
*Preservice music * Ringing of the Bells *
The Lord's Greeting*

(Sign the attendance cards and prayer requests before the service. Place attendance cards and offerings in the offering plate in the narthex.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

	Opening Hymn	339
	(Please rise for the last verse)	
	Confession and Absolution	Page 184
	Gloria Patri	Page 186
	Kyrie	Page 186
	Collect	Page 189
<i>Sit</i>	First Lesson (Inside folder)	
	Psalm	Pastor
	Second Lesson	
<i>Rise</i>	Gospel Opening Verse (Alleluia ...)	Page 190
	Gospel Lesson	
	Gospel Responsory Verse (Praise be to Thee)	Page 191
<i>Sit</i>	Hymn of the Day (Last verse please stand)	349
<i>Sit</i>	Sermon	
<i>Rise</i>	Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)	
	Offertory (Create in me ...)	Page 192
	Ritual of Friendship	
	Prayers of the Parish	

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

	Preface	Page 194
	Sanctus	Page 195
	Lord's Prayer	Page 196
	The Words of Our Lord	Page 197
	Pax Domini	Page 197
	Agnus Dei	Page 198
<i>Sit</i>	Organ Interlude for the Distribution	
<i>Rise</i>	Nunc Dimittis	Page 199
	Thanksgiving	Page 200
	Salutation & Benedicamus	Page 201
	Benediction	Page 202
	Closing Hymn	333

Postlude

8:00 AM

The Divine Service Setting One

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

	Call to Worship	Trinity Bell Choir
	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"	
<i>Stand</i>	Opening Hymn	339
	Confession and Absolution	Page 151
	Kyrie	Page 152
	Collect of the Day	Page 156
<i>Sit</i>	Anthem	Trinity Choir
	"O Come, Redeemer of the Earth"	
	First Lesson (Inside folder)	
	Psalm	
	Second Lesson	
<i>Stand</i>	Gospel Opening Verse (Alleluia! Lord...)	Page 156
	Gospel Lesson	
	Gospel Responsory Verse	Page 157
<i>Sit</i>	Children's Message (Children's Church after the message)	
	Hymn of the Day (Last Verse please stand)	349
	Sermon	
<i>Stand</i>	Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)	
	Ritual of Friendship	
<i>Sit</i>	Offering (Place attendance cards in the offering plate)	
<i>Stand</i>	Offertory (What shall ...)	Page 159
	Prayers of the Parish	

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

	Preface	Page 160
	Sanctus	Page 161
	Prayer of Thanksgiving	Page 161
	Lord's Prayer	Page 162
	The Words of Our Lord	Page 162
	Pax Domini	Page 163
	Agnus Dei	Page 163
<i>Sit</i>	Distribution Hymn	381
<i>Stand</i>	Post Communion Canticle (Nunc Dimittis)	Page 165
	Post Communion Collect	Page 166
	Benediction	Page 166
	Closing Hymn	333

Postlude

9:30 AM

THE TIME TO REJOICE

	Song of Gathering	"O Come Let Us Adore Him"
	Call to Worship	
<i>Rise</i>	Invocation	
	Song of Praise	"As We Seek Your Face"
	Sharing the Peace of Christ	
<i>Sit</i>	First Reading (Inside the folder)	
	Psalm	
	Second Reading (Inside folder)	

THE TIME TO RECEIVE

	Offering	"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"
	(Place attendance cards in the offering plates).	

<i>Rise</i>	Prayers for God's People
	The Lord's Prayer

THE TIME TO GROW

	Gospel Reading (Inside folder)
	Apostles' Creed (Inside back cover of the hymnal)
<i>Sit</i>	Children's Message (Children's Church after the message)
	Sermon Song "Sing Out, Earth and Skies"
	Sermon
	Ministry Opportunities
<i>Rise</i>	Blessing
	Song of Praise and Sending "Emmanuel"

GO IN PEACE! SERVE THE LORD!

10:45 AM

The Service of Matins
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*Preservice Music * Ringing of the Bells *
The Lord's Greeting*

	Call to Worship	Trinity Bell Choir
	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"	
<i>Rise</i>	Opening Hymn	339
	Opening Verses	Page 219
	Ascription of Praise (Praise...King who comes)	Page 219
	Antiphon	Page 220
	Venite	Page 220
	Antiphon	Page 221
<i>Sit</i>	First Lesson (Inside folder)	
	Psalm	
	Second Lesson	
<i>Rise</i>	Gospel Lesson	
	Responsive Verses (Cantor: Forever O Lord..)	Page 221
<i>Sit</i>	Children's Message (Children's Church after the message)	
	Hymn of the Day (Last verse please stand)	349
	Sermon	
<i>Rise</i>	Apostles' Creed (Inside back cover of the hymnal)	
	Ritual of Friendship	
<i>Sit</i>	Offering (Place attendance cards in the offering plate.)	
<i>Rise</i>	Hymn of Praise	381
	Prayers of the Parish	
	Lord's Prayer	Page 227
	Benedicamus (Pastor: Let us Bless...)	Page 228
	Benediction	Page 228
	Closing Hymn	333

Postlude