

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 21 & 22	December 29
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 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	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	10:45 am Liz Low
Greeters	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Kathy Rush 10:45 am TBD	10:45 am TBD
Lay Reader	8:00 am Cathy Summers 9:30 am Jeff Thorne 10:45 am Derrick Robinette	10:45 am Lorie Corbin
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	9:30 am Kathleen Adams 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Marilyn Parsons	10:45 am Kathleen Adams Cleanup Kathleen Adams

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.	\$ 10,605.13
Giving needed for 2024 work program YTD	\$ 478,400.00
How we responded YTD 2024	\$ 434,539.78

ATTENDANCE December 15

Bible Study	Kids Sunday School	11
Attendance	Adult Sunday Bible Class	9
	LWML	0
	Monday PM / Pastor	0
	Tuesday AM Bible Class	9
	Wednesday AM / Pastor	0
	Wednesday PM / Pastor	0

Worship Attendance	5:30 PM	26
	8:00 AM	52
	9:30 AM	57
	9:30 AM LIVE	*
	9:30 AM VIEWS	*
	10:45 AM	36
	10:45 AM LIVE	*
	10:45 AM VIEWS	*
	TOTAL FACE TO FACE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	171
*Not Reported	TOTAL LIVE	*
	TOTAL VIEWS	*



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 22, 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 22

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

Monday December 23

Tuesday December 24

(Trinity House CLOSED)

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PMChristmas Eve Service (S)
7:00 PMChristmas Eve Service (S)

Wednesday December 25

(Trinity House CLOSED)

OFFICE CLOSED

9:30 AMChristmas Day Service (S)
11:00 AM to 2:00 PMChristmas Dinner (FH)

Thursday December 26

(Trinity House CLOSED)

Friday December 27

Saturday December 28

No Service

*****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

FH = Fellowship Hall

FHS = Fellowship Hall stage area

L = Loft

N = Narthex

OC = Office Complex

PH = Pink House

PO = Pastor's Office

S = Sanctuary

YR = Youth Room

(1) Senior Youth Room

(2) Education Office

(3) Sunday School Opening Room

(4) 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Room

(5) Music Office

(6) Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grade

(7) Junior Youth Room

(8) Pre School Room

(9) Teal Room

(10) Music Room

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!

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!!!!!!

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.

LWML wants to thank everyone in the congregation that provided gifts for the CASA children we adopted and money for the shoe fund. The generosity of our congregation is amazing and is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP

Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

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 **347**
(Please rise for the last verse)
Confession and Absolution Page 184
Gloria Patri Page 186
Kyrie Page 186
Collect Page 189
Sit First Lesson (Inside folder)
Psalm Pastor
Rise Second Lesson
Gospel Opening Verse
(Alleluia...) Page 190
Gospel Lesson
Gospel Responsory Verse
(Praise be to Thee) Page 191
Apostles' Creed
(Inside back cover of hymnal)
Sit Hymn of the Day
(Last verse please stand) **386**
Sit Sermon
Rise Offertory (Create in me ...) Page 192
Ritual of Friendship
Prayers of the Parish
Salutation & Benedicamus Page 201
Benediction Page 202
Closing Hymn **352**

Postlude

8:00 AM

The Service of Matins
Page 219 in the Lutheran Service Book
Preservice Music * Ringing of the Bells *
The Lord's Greeting

Rise Opening Hymn **347**
Opening Verses Page 219
Ascription of Praise Page 219
(Praise...King who comes)
Antiphon Page 220
Venite Page 220
Antiphon Page 221
Sit Anthem Trinity Choir
"Carol of the Lamb"
First Lesson (Inside folder)
Psalm
Second Lesson
Rise Gospel Lesson
Responsive Verses Page 221
(Cantor: Forever O Lord...)
Sit Children's Message
(Children's Church after the message)
Hymn of the Day **386**
(Last verse please stand)
Sermon
Rise Apostles' Creed
(Inside back cover of the hymnal)
Ritual of Friendship
Sit Offering
(Place attendance cards in the offering plate.)
Rise Hymn of Praise **333**
Prayers of the Parish
Lord's Prayer Page 227
Benedicamus Page 228
(Pastor: Let us Bless...)
Benediction Page 228
Closing Hymn **352**

Postlude

9:30 AM

THE TIME TO REJOICE

Song of Gathering
"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"
Call to Worship
Rise Invocation
Sharing the Peace of Christ
Sit First Reading (Inside folder)
Psalm
Second Reading (Inside folder)

THE TIME TO RECEIVE

Offering
"Joy Has Dawned"

(Place attendance cards in the offering plates).

Rise Prayers for God's People
Nicene Creed
(Inside back cover of the hymnal)
Preparation for the Lord's Supper
Confession/Absolution
The Lord's Prayer
The Words of Institution
Sit Songs of Distribution
"Emmanuel"
"The First Noel"

Rise Dismissal

THE TIME TO GROW

Sit Gospel Reading (Inside folder)
Children's Message
(Children's Church after the message)
Sermon
Ministry Opportunities
Rise Blessing
Song of Praise and Sending
"Hark the Glad Sound"

GO IN PEACE! SERVE THE LORD!

10:45 AM

The Divine Service
Setting One
Page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book
Preservice Music * Ringing of the Bells *
The Lord's Greeting

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Stand Opening Hymn **347**
Confession and Absolution Page 151
Kyrie Page 152
Collect of the Day Page 156
Sit First Lesson (Inside folder)
Psalm
Second Lesson
Stand Gospel Opening Verse
(Alleluia! Lord...) Page 156
Gospel Lesson
Gospel Responsory Verse Page 157
Sit **Sunday School Musical**
Sermon
Stand Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)
Ritual of Friendship
Sit Offering
(Place attendance cards in the offering plate)
Stand 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
Sit Distribution Hymn **333**
Stand Post Communion Canticle
(Nunc Dimittis) Page 165
Post Communion Collect Page 166
Benediction Page 166
Closing Hymn **352**

Postlude