

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.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

	December 29	January 4 & 5
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	10:45 am Liz Low	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD
Greeters	10:45 am TBD	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Wes and Helen Stillian 10:45 am Jean and Sharon Fluevog
Lay Reader	10:45 am Lorie Corbin	8:00 am Mark Denney 9:30 am Kris Meinert 10:45 am Marilyn Parsons
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	10:45 am Kathleen Adams Cleanup Kathleen Adams	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Cathy Summers Cleanup Marilyn Rielle

HOW WE HAVE RESPONDED

Average Weekly giving needed for 2024 Work Program.	\$ 9,568.00
How we responded last week.	\$ 4,399.00
Giving needed for 2024 work program YTD	\$ 487,968.00
How we responded YTD 2024	\$ 438,938.78

ATTENDANCE December 22

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

Worship Attendance	5:30 PM	27
	8:00 AM	32
	9:30 AM	51
	9:30 AM LIVE	*
	9:30 AM VIEWS	*
	10:45 AM	83
	10:45 AM LIVE	*
	10:45 AM VIEWS	*
	TOTAL FACE TO FACE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	193
*Not Reported	TOTAL LIVE	*
	TOTAL VIEWS	*

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



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 29, 2024

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

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

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

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 29

10:45 AMTraditional (S)

Monday December 30

Tuesday December 31

(Trinity House Open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
9:30 AM to 1:30 PMBlood Drive (FH)

Wednesday January 1

(Trinity House CLOSED)
OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday January 2

(Trinity House Open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
3:00 PMBd of Fellowship (ER)
6:30 PMAHG (FH)

Friday January 3

6:30 PMAHG (FH)

Saturday January 4

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
FH = Fellowship Hall*

*(1) Senior Youth Room
(2) Education Office
(3) Sunday School Opening Room*

FHS = Fellowship Hall stage area

*L = Loft
N = Narthex
OC = Office Complex
PH = Pink House
PO = Pastor's Office
S = Sanctuary
YR = Youth 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!!!!!!

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated food, time, and financially to the Christmas Dinner. The dinner was great success. 6-7 hundred people enjoyed food and fellowship. Many people came in to eat and many people chose to pickup meals. Thank you again to everyone who made this meal a success. Sincerely Kurt Coyle.

STEWARDSHIP

Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

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) 'Perseverance' 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

10:45 AM

The Divine Service Setting One

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Preservice Music * Ringing of the Bells *

The Lord's Greeting

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Rise	Opening Hymn	385
	Confession and Absolution	Page 151
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	Hymn of Praise	
	(This is the feast...)	Page 155
	Collect of the Day	Page 156
Sit	First Lesson (Inside folder)	
	Psalm	
	Second Lesson	
Rise	Gospel Opening Verse	
	(Alleluia! Lord...)	Page 156
	Gospel Lesson	
	Gospel Responsory Verse	Page 157
Sit	Children's Message	
	(Children's Church after the message)	
	Hymn of the Day	390
	(Last verse please stand)	
Sit	Sermon	
Rise	Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)	
	Ritual of Friendship	
Sit	Offering	
	(Place attendance cards in the offering plate)	
Rise	Offertory (What shall ...)	Page 159
	Prayers of the Parish	

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	(Thank ...)	Page 164
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