

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 7 & 8	December 14 & 15
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	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low
Greeters	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Wayne and Pat Hickson 10:45 am Jerry and Norma Henshaw	8:00 am Aaron Adams 9:30 am LeAnn Mendoza 10:45 am Derrick and Anna Robinette
Lay Reader	8:00 am Mark Tolmachoff 9:30 am Pat Hickson 10:45 am Rod Low	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Brandy Hamilton 10:45 am Priscilla LoPresti
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 Ron Romig 10:45 am Laura Gray Cleanup Sharon Fluevog	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathy Rush Cleanup Marilyn Rielle

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.	\$ 12,771.78
Giving needed for 2024 work program YTD	\$ 459,264.00
How we responded YTD 2024	\$ 410,040.92

ATTENDANCE	December 1	
Bible Study	Kids Sunday School	3
Attendance	Adult Sunday Bible Class	13
	LWML	0
	Monday PM / Pastor	0
	Tuesday AM Bible Class	10
	Wednesday AM / Pastor	0
	Wednesday PM / Pastor	0

Worship Attendance	5:30 PM	17
	8:00 AM	45
	9:30 AM	42
	9:30 AM LIVE	4
	9:30 AM VIEWS	7
	10:45 AM	38
	10:45 AM LIVE	3
	10:45 AM VIEWS	26
	TOTAL FACE TO FACE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	142
*Not Reported	TOTAL LIVE	7
	TOTAL VIEWS	33



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 8, 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 8

8:00 AM Traditional (S)
9:30 AMPraise Service (S)
9:30 AMSS/Bible Study
10:45 AMTraditional (S)
2:00 PMLadies Tea (ER)
5:30 PMYouth Group Christmas Party

Monday December 9

6:00 PMLWML Christmas Paty (Priscilla LoPresti's Home)

Tuesday December 10

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

Wednesday December 11

(Trinity House Open 10:00 AM-1:00 PM)
6:00 PMMeal — Lasagna—Wed Night Bible Class
7:00 PMAdvent Service (S)

Thursday December 12

(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 13

Saturday December 14

5:30 PMWorship (S)
6:30 PMBook Club (Sharon Riedel's Home)

*****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!!!!!!

LWML Hope Circle—Serve the Lord with Gladness (Psalm 100:2) Our annual Christmas party will be Monday, **December 9** at Priscilla LoPresti's home at 2112 Ridgeview Drive in Leavenworth, beginning at 6:00 pm. A casserole is being provided and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you wish to participate in our gift exchange, you should bring a gift in the \$10-\$20 range. Please bring a Christmas card for your 2024 Prayer Partner to let them know who had them for this past year. If you cannot attend, please make sure you give the card to one of our members to take to the party for you. We hope to see all of our members at the party!

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.

Come join us for our Ladies Christmas Tea Sunday, 8 December at 2:00 pm in the east room. We will have great Christmas treats and a fun craft to do. Blessings from fellowship

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

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what's coming and we don't.

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 **332 vs 1-4**
(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 Page 190
(Alleluia...)
Gospel Lesson
Gospel Responsory Verse Page 191
(Praise be to Thee)
Apostles' Creed
(Inside back cover of hymnal)
Sit Hymn of the Day **333**
(Last verse please stand)
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 **332 vs 5-8**

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 **332 vs 1-4**
Opening Verses Page 219
Ascription of Praise Page 219
(Praise...King who comes)
Antiphon Page 220
Venite Page 220
Antiphon Page 221
Sit 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 **333**
(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 **371**
Prayers of the Parish
Lord's Prayer Page 227
Benedicamus Page 228
(Pastor: Let us Bless...)
Benediction Page 228
Closing Hymn **332 vs 5-8**

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
"All Earth is Hopeful"
(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 Song of Distribution
"Come Adore the Humble King"
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
"Arise Shine"

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 **332 vs 1-4**
Confession and Absolution Page 151
Kyrie Page 152
Collect of the Day Page 156
Sit Anthem Trinity Choir
"Waiting, Watching, Wondering"
First Lesson (Inside folder)
Psalm
Second Lesson
Stand Gospel Opening Verse Page 156
(Alleluia! Lord...)
Gospel Lesson
Gospel Responsory Verse Page 157
Sit Children's Message
(Children's Church after the message)
Hymn of the Day **333**
(Last verse please stand)
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 **371**
Stand Post Communion Canticle Page 165
(Nunc Dimittis)
Post Communion Collect Page 166
Benediction Page 166
Closing Hymn **332 vs 5-8**
Postlude