

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		
	January 4 & 5	January 11 & 12
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 Charlie Haase	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 Charlie Haase
Cantor	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD	8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD
Greeters	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Wes and Helen Stillian 10:45 am Jean and Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Wayne and Pat Hickson 10:45 am Jerry and Norma Henshaw
Lay Reader	8:00 am Mark Denney 9:30 am Kris Meinert 10:45 am Marilyn Parsons	8:00 am Kathy Blouch 9:30 am Wayne Hickson 10:45 am Liz Low
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 Cathy Summers Cleanup Marilyn Rielle	9:30 am Kathleen Adams 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Ron Romig

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

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

HOW WE HAVE RESPONDED

Average Weekly giving needed for 2025 Work Program.	\$ *
How we responded Christmas through EOY	\$ 16,771.30
Giving needed for 2024 work program YTD	\$ 516,672.00
How we responded YTD 2024	\$ 455,710.08

ATTENDANCE	December 29	
Bible Study	Kids Sunday School	0
Attendance	Adult Sunday Bible Class	0
	LWML	0
	Monday PM / Pastor	0
	Tuesday AM Bible Class	*
	Wednesday AM / Pastor	0
	Wednesday PM / Pastor	0

Worship Attendance	5:30 PM	0
	8:00 AM	0
	9:30 AM	0
	9:30 AM LIVE	0
	9:30 AM VIEWS	0
	10:45 AM	84
	10:45 AM LIVE	4
	10:45 AM VIEWS	21
	TOTAL FACE TO FACE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	84
*Not Reported	TOTAL LIVE	4
	TOTAL VIEWS	21



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.

January 5, 2025

*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 January 5

10:45 AMTraditional (S)
9:30 AMPraise (S)
9:30 AMSS/Bible Class
10:45 AMTraditional (S)

Monday January 6

7:00 PMPastor's Bible Study (ER)

Tuesday January 7

(Trinity House Open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
9:45 AMWomen's Bible Study (ER)
7:00 PMCampus Coor Committee (ER)

Wednesday January 8

(Trinity House Open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
10:00 AMBible Study (ER)
7:00 PMConfirmation (FH)
7:00 PMPastor's Bible Study (ER)

Thursday January 9

(Trinity House Open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
6:30 PMAHG (FH)

Friday January 10

Saturday January 11

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

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!

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.

As the year has come to a close, we would like thank everyone who has supported our outreach mission at Trinity House. We are serving at least 150-160 families a month. Your gifts of time, food, clothing and cash donations have made this possible. We would also like to mention that we are receiving huge support from the community and would like to mention a few by name. Eisenhower school on post donated over 3000 food items. Citizens is responsible for most of our winter coat donations as well as food and cash. Our Methodist friends have donated over \$3000.00 as well as food, clothing and at least 5 monthly volunteers. If you know anyone in these organizations please thank them for helping serve the needy in our community! We pray for continued blessings in the New Year!

On January 7, the Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study will begin a new series titled "Perseverance—Praying Through Life's Challenges". Plan to join us at 9:45 am.

STEWARDSHIP

Matthew 2:11 – “And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Sunday 9:30 a.m. (East Room) Study on Angels 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

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 **397**
 (Please rise for the last verse)
 Confession and Absolution Page 184
 Gloria Patri Page 186
 Kyrie Page 186
 Gloria In Excelsis Page 187
 Collect Page 189
 Sit First Lesson (Inside folder)
 Psalm Pastor
 Second Lesson
 Rise Gospel Opening Verse (Alleluia ...) Page 190
 Gospel Lesson
 Gospel Responsory Verse
 (Praise be to Thee) Page 191
 Sit Hymn of the Day
 (Last verse please stand) **399**
 Sit Sermon
 Rise 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
 Sit Organ Interlude for the Distribution
 Rise Nunc Dimittis Page 199
 Thanksgiving Page 200
 Salutation & Benedicamus Page 201
 Benediction Page 202
 Closing Hymn **395**

Postlude

8:00 AM

The Divine Service
Setting Two
Page 167 in the Lutheran Service Book
 Preservice Music * Ringing of the Bells *
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Rise Opening Hymn **397**
 Confession and Absolution Page 167
 Kyrie Page 168
 Hymn of Praise Page 171
 Collect of the Day Page 172
 Sit First Lesson (Inside folder)
 Psalm
 Second Lesson
 Rise Gospel Opening Verse
 (Alleluia...) Page 173
 Gospel Lesson
 Gospel Responsory Verse Page 173
 Sit Children's Message
 (Children's Church after the mes-
 sage)
 Hymn of the Day
 (Last verse please stand) **399**
 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 176
 Prayers of the Parish

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface Verses Page 177
 Sanctus Page 178
 Lord's Prayer Page 179
 Consecration Page 179
 Pax Domini Page 180
 Agnus Dei Page 180
 Sit Distribution Hymn **398**
 Rise Post Communion Canticle
 (Thank the Lord...) Page 181
 Post Communion Collect Page 183
 Benediction Page 183
 Closing Hymn **395**

Postlude

9:30 AM

THE TIME TO REJOICE

Song of Gathering
 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
 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
 "Lord We Praise You"
 (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
 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
 Rise Dismissal

THE TIME TO GROW

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

GO IN PEACE! SERVE THE LORD!

10:45 AM

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