

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

1960 East Johns Avenue

Decatur, Illinois 62521 - Phone 217-422-3630

The Baptism of Jesus

January 10, 2021



Adult Bible Study

10:15 A.M. Today

“To Obey Or Disobey The Government”

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our Bible based study.

Our hymns for today: 603, 405, (568, 602), 594

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. Greet one another before and after the service, especially our visitors. Please fill out our guest book located at the entrance to the sanctuary, and introduce yourself at the door. If you would like a visit, prayer, or more information, about Trinity Lutheran Church, please note that on the guest book.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you give faith to believe in the healing power of your Word: Put away from us, we entreat you, temptations to doubt Your providential care and give us those things that are profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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We Know That Christ Is Raised

LSB 603



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em - braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.



And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter, vs. 4-11.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Sermon

"The Baptism Of Jesus"

Sermon Text

Mark 1:4-11

Stand

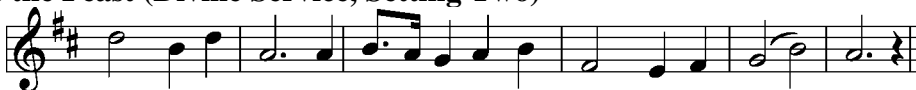
- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

This Is the Feast (Divine Service, Setting Two)

LSB 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



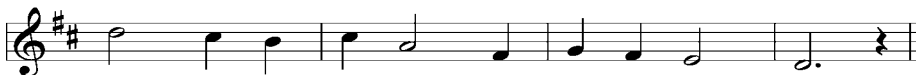
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice closed communion. **Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune this morning. Visitors who desire to join in the Lord’s Supper are encouraged and welcome to join in a class of instruction leading to confirmation. Please speak to PastorVersemann regarding your desire and may you receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus through faith this Divine Service.**

Distribution

If Your Beloved Son, O God

LSB 568



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
 4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -



scend - ed And in our mor-tal flesh and blood Had not sin’s
 o’er me. No more am I by sin op-pressed, For Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid-ing peace im - part; His blood from
 na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ’s work is



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine In
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans-gres - sion.
 rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash-es me from ev - ’ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.

5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid
 On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.
 Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid
 And gained for me God's favor.
 O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,
 The good in me to You I trace;
 In faith and hope preserve me.

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

(Personal Prayer Of Thanksgiving After Receiving The Lord's Supper)

Merciful Lord, I thank You for the forgiving body and blood of Your Son, which are Your pledge and promise of my salvation, and Your promise of eternal life. May the gifts of Your heavenly banquet fortify me against the Evil One, strengthen me for life in this sinful world, and equip me to put to death my sinful flesh. Help me to live as one who continually hungers for Your grace, and thirsts for Your righteousness, who longs to taste anew of Your goodness, that I may sit at Your table at the marriage feast of Your Son, when Jesus, my heavenly Bridegroom comes to take His holy bride home to heaven. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

New Testament Canticle (Service of Prayer and Preaching)

LSB 266

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Collect of the Day

- P** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!



ALTAR FLOWERS

The available dates for the 2021 altar flowers are: 1/24, 1/31, 3/14, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 7/4, 7/11, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/26.

The available dates for the 2021 worship bulletins are: 3/28, 4/4, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 7/4, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/22, 8/29, 9/19, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/26.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to Governor Pritzker’s ruling, we are now able to have worship services limited to fifty people or less. Trinity will have two services each week. Please call the church office (217-422-3630) to sign up to attend a service.

Our two service times are: Sundays at 9 AM and Wednesdays at 11 AM.

The Main Safety Protocols to follow are: First of all, if you feel unwell, have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, do not enter the church building. Only the MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR will be unlocked. Please wear a mask when entering the church building. Please use the hand-sanitizer and disposable gloves provided on the table inside the main entrance. If you don’t have a mask, please use one from the table as well.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS may be found on the stand just outside the center sanctuary doors. **P.A. DEVICE AVAILABLE** - Please see an usher if you have difficulty hearing. **PEW CUSHIONS** are available from a box near the Usher's Stand. Help yourself and please feel free to leave them in your seat after services.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY AT 10:15 A.M.

PRE-K – Blain Powell and Denise Roberts – Downstairs

KINDERGARTEN – 3rd GRADE – Cathy Kurecki – Downstairs

4th – 5th GRADE – Linda Staff – Classroom across from the church office

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

THE CHURCH OFFICE regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Verseemann's hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (tentative), Tuesday through Friday. If you need to speak with him, please call the church office at 422-3630 to make an appointment.

Offering for January 3, 2021 _____ **\$1,867.80**

Weekly Average Offering for 2021 _____ **\$1,867.80**

Weekly Offerings Needed for 2021 Budget _____ **\$4,107.92**

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

Monday, January 11, 2021

No office hours, Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

10:30 AM – Circuit Pastor's Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

11:00 AM – Worship Service

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study



Please let Pastor Verseemann know if you or a family member are going in the hospital.

Leading us in worship today:

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Organist	Rachel Verseemann
The Elder	Dave Morris
The Usher	Mike Kurecki
The Altar Guild	Phyllis Barringer
The Offering Counters	Kent Birmingham, Susan Birmingham

Our Volunteers for Wednesday, January 13, 2021

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Altar Guild	Sharon Harper

Our Volunteers for Sunday, January 17, 2021

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Elder	Jim Harper
The Usher	Rick Buckley
The Altar Guild	Tracie England
The Offering Counters	Bill Buechsenschuetz, Diana Buechsenschuetz

Volunteers to serve snacks and coffee and clean up afterwards for Sunday Adult Bible class:

January 10 Elizabeth Verseemann, Becky Alexander

January 17 Zachary and Alicia Parkinson



I want to thank everyone at Trinity for all the beautiful Christmas cards and sentiments as well as the generous monetary gift. It truly is a blessing to be a part of Trinity. I wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Thanks,
Judy



Would those members who use offering envelopes please consider making a donation using the Initial Offering envelope to cover the cost of this item which helps Trinity meet its budget? The cost of a box of envelopes is approximately \$3.50. Thank you. *Harry Kaminski*, Stewardship.

A Very Happy Anniversary to:

Russ and Muriel Howe January 14 (21)

A Very Happy Birthday to:

Conor Cogan January 16

Louie Hall Jr. January 17

Stacey Hoadley January 17

Phillip England January 18

Sarah Casebeer January 18

Joe Flanigan January 20

*Family prayers for
Kent and Susan Birmingham and Loraine Birmingham*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Ed and Ilene McQuality for blessings received*

*The worship folders are given to the glory of God by
Joe and Susan Patterson for blessings received*



REMINDER: Because of privacy concerns, hospitals no longer notify us when a member has been admitted so, if you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please make the pastor or the church office aware. Thanks!



LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service on COMCAST TV every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on channel 19, as well as on DIRECTV every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on channel 377.

LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR

– Even in a formless, dark, and empty early universe, God made Himself present and powerful (Genesis 1:2). Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem just so uncertain. Terminal diagnoses can feel that desperate. But this Lord buried Himself in our graveyard (Romans 6:4). This Savior sowed life in death's shadowy valleys. We need not let abortion or assisted suicide root us there as residents. The Heavenly Father always comes close and brings His own new creation to blossom.



This week on KFUE.org, study the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and take a moment in creation, scripture, faith, and family on Midday Moments (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or your favorite podcasting app.

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY

The members of the Association Churches of the LSA are encouraged to volunteer at the LSA Resale Shop at any time, but especially on Trinity's designated Thursday. Trinity has been assigned the second Thursday of each month, from 3:00-8:30 pm, as "our time" for volunteering and serving. You do NOT need to stay the entire time, but can come and go as you please. However, we want to make this a little more fun for the members of Trinity. So here's what we're going to do. At 5 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month, all of our members, who are volunteering, will go out to eat together at a local eatery. As a result, you can volunteer from 3-5 pm, and then join us for supper. Or, you can meet at the LSA Resale Shop at 5 pm, join us for supper, and then head back to serve from 6:30-8:30 pm. A little bird told me there is often times dessert at the Resale Shop at 6:30 pm. Please join us on **Thursday, January 14th!**

(OOPS-I erred last week & put the wrong date, my apologies)!



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