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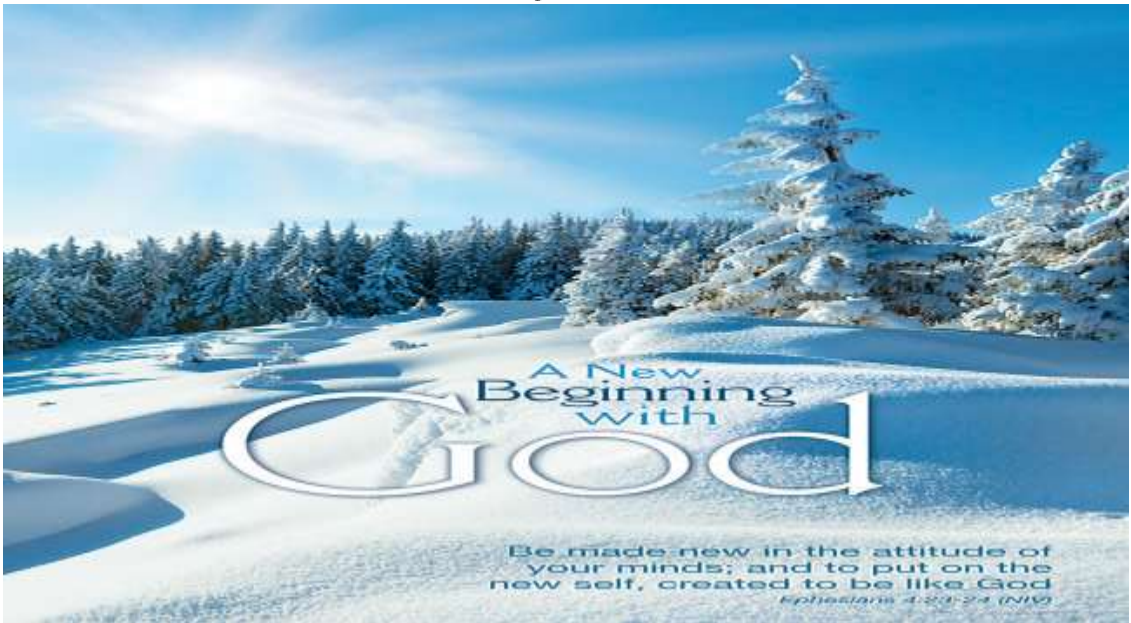
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

1960 East Johns Avenue

Decatur, Illinois 62521 - Phone 217-422-3630

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2022



Adult Bible Study

10:15 A.M. Today

“The Augsburg Confession”

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

Our hymns for today: 399, 408, (533, 561, 395 (vs. 1-4)), 394

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 an attendance card, available in the pew racks, 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 card.

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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The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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 Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Introit

Ps. 36:5–9; antiphon: Song 2:4

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

**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.**

The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1–5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter, vs. 1-11.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

Come, Join in Cana's Feast

LSB 408



1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where Christ is hon - ored guest.
2 The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a - part.
3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids wa - ter turn to wine.
4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine sup - plied
5 For now He lives and reigns Through all e - ter - ni - ty



He wel - comes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
No long - er can it sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
He fills our emp - ty cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
By Him who is both guest and host—For us, the cru - ci - fied.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

Sermon

“The Wine Of Gladness”

Sermon Text

John 2:1-11

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian Faith. This unity of faith in what we believe is normally identified through the rite of Confirmation. Therefore, we invite communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to commune. Visitors who desire to partake in the Lord's Supper are encouraged and welcome to join in a class of instruction leading to confirmation. Please speak to Pastor Versemann regarding your desire and may you receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus through faith this Divine Service.

Distribution

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

The Tree of Life

LSB 561



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395 sts. 1-4



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

Stand

(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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.



Ladies Bible Study – Starts January 30 – March 20.

Join us as we study “God’s Relentless Love” – a study of the Book of Hosea by Sharla Fritz. There are 8 chapters – 1 to be done each week at home with discussion and video on Sunday.

Please sign up for a book in the entry. The cost is \$12.00. If you would like it on e-book, go to CPH.ORG and order from there.



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

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 – 5th GRADE – Cathy Kurecki – Downstairs

6th-8th GRADE – Linda Staff – Classroom across from the church office

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – Tracie England and Elizabeth Verseemann – Upstairs

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.

Weekly Average Offering for 2022_____	\$1,897.02
Weekly Offerings Needed for 2022 Budget_____	\$4,333.79
Weekly Average Attendance for 2022_____	42
Attendance for January 9, 2022 _____	46

Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:00 AM – Worship Service

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

12:00 PM – Youth Outing

Monday, January 17, 2022

No office hours, Pastor's Day Off

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:30 AM – Quilters

10:00 AM – Thursday Morning Bible Study

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10:30 AM – Junior Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:00 AM – Worship Service

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

12:00 AM – National Youth Gathering Meeting

Leading us in worship today:

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Elders	Jim Harper, Bill Buechsenchuetz
The Ushers	Blain Powell, Mike Kurecki
The Greeters	Sharon Harper, Diana Buechsenchuetz
The Acolyte	Alizabeth Moyer
The Altar Guild	Tracie Emglan
The Offering Counters	Bill Buechsenchuetz, Diana Buechsenchuetz

Our Volunteers for Sunday, January 23, 2022

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Organist	Rachel Verseemann
The Elders	Zeb Poland, Kent Birmingham
The Ushers	Tom Robinson, Terry Koontz
The Greeters	Pam Poland, Cathy Kurecki
The Acolyte	Conor Cogan
The Altar Guild	Kristy Pranschke
The Offering Counters	Kent Birmingham, Susan Birmingham

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

January 16

Jim and Sharon Harper

January 23

John and Sarah Casebeer



Our condolences to the family and friends of Lois Wenthe, who went to her heavenly home on Saturday, January 1, 2022.



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!



SCRIPS HELP THE KFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

Scrip Orders are back. We will be taking orders once a month. You order one Sunday- pick up your gift cards two Sundays later. If you have questions, see

Ilene McQuality.

Order dates

Delivery dates

01/16

01/30

02/20

03/06

03/13

03/27

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Please consider using the Initial Offering envelope to contribute toward offsetting the cost of your box of offering envelopes. This will help Trinity maintain its budget commitments; the cost of a box of envelopes is approximately \$3.50.

Thanks & Blessings, *Harry Kaminski*, Stewardship Committee



“Thank You & God Bless You’, From The Verseemann’s”

Our family would like to thank our church family at Trinity Lutheran Church for all of the kindnesses, love, and gifts given to us this Christmas season. Thank you for the Christmas cards, gift cards, candies, cookies, breads, and the monetary gift we received. Your care and concern mean more to us than you will ever know. And finally, thank you for being loving brothers and sisters in Christ, our Savior! The last two years have been very difficult on all of us, but we pray that our gracious Lord richly bless you in 2022 and always, as together we serve our Savior, Jesus!

Pastor Verseemann, Elizabeth, and Rachel



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



I want to thank Pastor Verseemann, Pastor Bruer and all Trinity members for their support during Ed's extended illness and passing. Without believing in God and having the support of Christian friends, I don't know how anyone would make it through the loss of a loved one. Ed loved Trinity, the members and working in the church when he was able. God bless each one of you who said a prayer, sent a card, made a phone call or anything at all to support our entire family. Special thanks to Pastor Verseemann for his patience and kindness as I call on him more and more as time goes on. Isn't it great to be a Christian and be blessed with a caring pastor.

Ilene McQuality, Pam Powers, Brian & Wendy McQuality



THANK YOU to Pastor Verseemann and everyone for their prayers, kind thoughts, and cards during my recent catheterization and heart stent procedure. The Lord has been very generous to guide everyone in taking care of my spiritual, medical, physical, and emotional needs. Thanks & Blessings, *Harry*



There are two thank you cards Trinity received from the families we helped at Christmas posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to read them.



Trinity received a letter from the LSA which is posted on the bulletin board. The letter reads:

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation,

On behalf of the students, faculty, Board of Directors, and the LSA Foundation, I want to thank you for the gift of \$1,623.66 to the Gayle Sablotny: Gifting the LSA account to support the LSA Foundation for the reduction of the mortgage.

Thank you for your support of the LSA as we prepare our students for their futures and most importantly point them toward the cross of our Savior, Jesus. May God Bless You.

In His Service,

Joel Witt

Executive Director



LSA ReSale Shop

Thanks to the many generous people who donate items to the ReSale Shop and to our hardworking volunteers, the LSA ReSale Shop had gross sales for 2021 in the amount of \$348,815.00. This amount not only helps the Lutheran School Association, but helps to keep assessments down for Association churches.

Thank you for your donations and thank you to our volunteers who help to keep the ReSale Shop running smoothly!

The Shop is always in need of volunteers. Come and volunteer for an hour, a couple of hours, or more whatever fits your schedule. You can come once a week, twice a month, once a month or again whatever works for you. Call the Shop at 423-0122 to volunteer or stop by the Shop any day between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to volunteer.



The LSA needs substitute teachers immediately. Must be able to pass a background check. Please contact our office at 217-233-2000.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (16 January 2022)

Isaiah 62:1–5, 1 Corinthians 12:1–11, John 2:1–11

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “the first of his signs” by which He “manifested his glory” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “hour,” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “Jesus is Lord,” and they return thanks to Him “in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.



ALTAR FLOWERS The available dates for the 2022 altar flowers are: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/30, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25.

The available dates for the 2022 worship bulletins are: 5/29, 6/5, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/15.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFYO.org: Hear specials on the sanctity of life leading up to the March for Life on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Luke 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Matthew 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org and the KFYO Radio app!

LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR

God chose humankind in Christ Jesus. God chose you with the celebration of a wedding (John 2:11). God chose you with the love a husband has for his bride (Isaiah 62:4-5). God chose you and all offspring of Adam and Eve (Psalm 128:3). God chose you and every variety of human being, chose us into existence, chose us with forgiveness, chose us for making a difference (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

A Very Happy Birthday to:

Joe Flanigan

January 20

Blair Olson

January 21

Family prayers for

Joshua Blair and Keisha Blair and family

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