

WELCOME

Our Lutheran Church brings Jesus Christ and His Word to people in the 21st Century, to you and to me. Life is Jesus Christ and the wonderful forgiveness and salvation that we have because of His obedience, His death upon Calvary's cross, and His resurrection with heaven and eternal life to come.

Life is Jesus Christ with the great salvation, forgiveness, and eternal life that He gives us as our Savior. May you experience that life in your Savior Jesus Christ as you worship with us this morning.

We welcome you to make our Trinity Lutheran Church and School your church home and family. Meet our pastor and participate with us in growing in Christ through our Bible studies, Sunday School, youth activities, family activities, and more.

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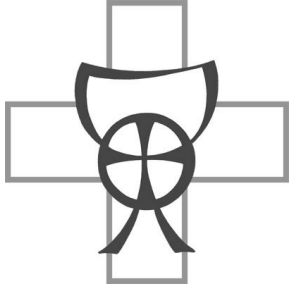
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Masks are required for all services until further notice.

Masks are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected, but does not have symptoms. We ask also that you would practice social distancing. Please do not throw your mask away in the church. Take it with you and dispose of it at home. Also, please take your bulletin home with you. We are not reusing them for services.

HOLY COMMUNION



According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22, Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they receive the **true body and blood** of Jesus given and shed for their sins (Luke 22:19-22). Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully

understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to speak with the Pastor, preferably prior to the day of worship, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

HOLY BAPTISM



To quote "Lutheran Small Catechism with Explanation", "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word." We believe and teach that babies and children should be baptized as soon after birth as possible. For adults, who can come to faith through hearing the Word, we usually baptize after they have been instructed in the Christian faith.

SACRAMENTS

THE TIME HAS FULLY COME FOR REDEMPTION AND PURIFICATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son," born of the woman, "to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4-5). Therefore, "according to the Law of Moses," Mary and Joseph "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. "At that very hour," old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and "began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes "righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations" (Is. 61:11). We also "greatly rejoice in the Lord," because this child has clothed us "with the garments of salvation," covered us "with the robe of righteousness" and called us "by a new name" (Is. 61:10; 62:2). order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25-26).

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF DEC 27

SUNDAY

Is 51:17—52:12

Matt 2:1—12

MONDAY

Is 52:13—54:10

Matt 2:13—23

TUESDAY

Is 55:1—13

Luke 1:1—25

WEDNESDAY

Is 58:1—59:3, 14—21

Luke 1:26—38

THURSDAY

Is 60:1—22

Luke 1:39—56

FRIDAY

Is 61:1—11

Luke 1:57—80

SATURDAY

Is 62:1—12

Luke 2:1—20

INTROIT - PSALM 98:1—4

L: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

L: The Lord has made known his salvation;

C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**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.**

L: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT - ISAIAH 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. For 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. The 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. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE LESSON - GALATIANS 4:4–7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON - LUKE 2:22–40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Worship
9:30 am	Bible Class
10:30 am	Worship/Communion

THURSDAY

6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Worship/ Communion
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GROW IN CHRIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3 year olds - high school meet at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE CLASSES: 1) *Forgiveness* with Karen Sprock – meets in the conference room outside the kitchen
2) *The Lord's Prayer* with Pastor Watkins – meets in the lunchroom
3) *The Truth Project* with Dan Sprengeler – meets in the 6-8th Grade Classroom

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH ISSUES: Katie Andorf, Jerry Behn, Marvel Behn, Joe Burley, Lexy Chadourne, Donna Crouse, Gordon Davis, Milo Denner, Nathan Dreeszen, Darcia Duffy, Charlotte Elsberry, Art Eppert, Chris Erickson, Darlene Ferguson, Corey Fowler, Virgil Frye, Henry & Dolores Fynaardt, Larry Hock, Paul Hike, Mary Hobbs, Dan Houston, Roger Howard, Shelley Jergens, Robert Jorgensen, Jack Johnson, Jackson Larsen, Gus Linn, Esther Long, Gene Mackey, Pat Mackey, Dick Martin, Karen Menz, Robin Mitchell, Sharon Mundt, Dawn Range, Jan Rardin, Don Romig, Pam Sassman, Jim Schroeder, Francis Simmerman, Rose Simmerman, Marjorie Simms, Scott Smith, Don & Ronda Strhuenburg, Linda Van Pelt, Jaime Webster, Alice Westrum, Shelley Winchel, Isaiah Williams, Helen Wilhite

MILITARY PERSONNEL: John Frank, Elijah Leininger, Nicholas Timm, Jonathon Thompson, Aaron Walsh, Christian Lozier, Trevn Lee, Ali Lee, Dallas Kvach, Dalton Andersen, Dylan Higgins, Brandon Laubscher, Tim Carr, Nate Seagren, Mike Schminke

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Larry & Lorie Ealy, Matt & Jenny Muessigmann

HEALING & PROTECTION: those who have COVID-19, protect families and all people, stop the spread.

OTHER: Those in nursing homes/care centers, Lutherans for Life, Stephen Ministries, Missionaries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMP OKOBOJI NEWS: January 29 - 31: Family Ice Fishing - Come enjoy a family friendly weekend of ice fishing, faith and fellowship!

January 28 - 31: Okoboji Winter Games - Planning to attend the Okoboji Winter Games and need a safe and refreshing place to stay?? We still have Family Ministry Cabins available.

THANK YOU: to all for the prayers, thoughts and cards, during my short stay in the hospital and while at home battling this annoying COVID virus. I'm almost back to 100%, and I'll see you all soon. A special Thank You to Pastor Watkins for the Prayers and phone calls. You all mean a lot to me and our family. Thank you again & may God bless you all.

-Dave Casotti

SCHOLARSHIP: Beta Sigma Psi, a National Lutheran Fraternity, at Iowa State University, is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to three Lutheran young men to attend ISU. You do not have to join the fraternity to be eligible. Applications can be found at: www.epsilon.betasigmapi.org/scholarship
More information can be found on the bulletin board by the mailslots.

DOORS: Please be sure to check that the doors are latching and locked when you are leaving the building. We have had doors left unlocked/unlatched recently. Please do your part to keep Trinity safe and secure. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

CHURCH PIANO: The black piano at the front of the church needs to be replaced. Keys don't stay in tune no matter how many times they have been fixed. This piano is used several times a week at choir and Chapel. If interested in donating towards a new one please mark "Church Piano" on your check or envelope.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: provides relief for human need worldwide. They operate strictly on donations, memorials, Thrivent Choice Dollars and grants. After their last shipment to Kyrgyzstan their funds are pretty much depleted. Any financial support would be greatly appreciated. Please send to: Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 152, Early, IA 50535

HELPING HANDS PROGRAM: Contact the church office if you or any member of Trinity you know needs assistance (a meal delivered, a bulletin delivered, errands run, etc.) or if you would be willing to be on our list of helpers.

ILSTO: December 31 is almost here! As of December 1, the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization was at 35% of its goal of raising \$950,000 for tuition assistance. Many Lutheran school students need this financial assistance to attend our schools so please consider a donation to ILSTO at this time. Your donation needs to be postmarked no later than December 31. Tax credits are available as of this date, but the closer you donate to the deadline please call to make sure credits are still available. For more information call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

CHURCH NEEDS: The church could use any unopened hand sanitizer, masks or postages stamps you would be willing to donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE: will be at 6:30 pm on December 31 with the Lord's Supper served.

RADIO BROADCAST: Today's radio broadcast is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Craig Pottratz. Broadcasts are heard each Sunday at 10:00 am on KWBG radio, 1590 AM. To sponsor a broadcast (\$82), or if you would like a copy of the broadcast please contact the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Please remember that we need volunteers to bring flowers for the altar. If you are interested please sign up to bring flowers in the back of the church in the entryway.

THANK YOU: to Reverend Mark Eichler for leading our services today.

EMAIL LIST: Please email the church office to get on our congregational email list. Get notifications on Voter's meetings, our monthly newsletter, and other important events happening at Trinity.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: You now have the ability to make your contributions online or with the GivePlus Mobile App! On our website (trinitylutheranboone.com) find the menu and you will see Electronic Giving at the bottom. Click on that and you will see the sign-up page. There are also tutorials on how to use the services. These are great ways to still support our church when you can't attend services.

TRINITY'S FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranboone

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

[\$14,785 needed weekly in combined General/Tuition to meet 2020-21 Budget]

General Fund	\$8,311.50
Tuition	\$2,810.99
Social Action	\$75
House Removal	\$500
Radio	\$132
Building Fund	\$100
Trinity School	\$50
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Worship	
Wednesday	126
Sunday	115

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Rev. Dr. Lindsay Watkins

CHURCH SECRETARY

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READERS

Daniel Sprengeler - 8:00 am
 Gary Reinertson - 10:30 am

USHERS

Jeff Pomeremk - 8:00 am
 John Hasstedt - 10:30 am

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Gary Reinertson - 10:30 am
 John Hasstedt - 10:30 am