

We welcome you in the name of the only God, the God who promises great things to his amazed people through his holy Son, our Lord. Let us rejoice in his praise. Guests, please sign our register. We invite you to worship with us again!

## **Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “The Common Service” without Holy Communion, can also be found on page 15 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:** 706 (Worship Supplement)

*STAND*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **LORD HAVE MERCY**

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

**C: (Sung) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: (Sung) And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

**M:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen**

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a (NIV)** *Micah prophecies the promised Messiah will be born in Bethlehem in the region of Ephrathah. He is the eternal ruler who will serve as our good shepherd and give us peace that we might live securely.*

<sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. " <sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And

they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And he will be their peace.

## **Psalm of the Day: 85 on page 97**

**Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10 (NIV)** *Our outward works are not sufficient to appease God's anger over our sins. Only Christ Jesus, the promised Messiah, was able to fulfill God's law perfectly. By his perfect sacrifice for us we are blessed and made holy.*

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, O God.' "<sup>8</sup>First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). <sup>9</sup>Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia.  
(Matthew 1:23)

**C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: (Sung) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-55 (NIV)** *Elizabeth exclaims that Mary is “blessed...among women” for she is the mother of the Messiah. Mary responds with the words we call the “Magnificat.”*

<sup>39</sup>At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup>where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" <sup>46</sup>And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be

merciful <sup>55</sup>to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 23**

**SERMON TEXT: Luke 1:39-55**

“JOIN THE WOMEN AND THE JUMPING BABE –  
PRAISE GOD IN THE JOY OF WORSHIP!”

*STAND*

**C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING**

*STAND*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**(Saturday)**

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.

Or

**(Sunday)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN:** 702 (Worship Supplement)

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** The Lord bless and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 53 verses 1-4

*\* Viewing of WELS Connection for December*

*\*\*\* Collection for the Trinity Family Care Fund\*\*\**



*We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Come worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Lynn Jungen from Bethany, Mtwc. We thank her for playing and helping to beautify our worship services.

### **Prayer Requests –**

- Mike Enders – who is set to receive radiation and undergo further testing, we pray, Lord, deal gently with your baptized child. Let these procedures benefit him, that Mike may abound in new health. Draw him close to you by your Holy Spirit through your Word.
- Jesse Lietzau – now doing military service in California, we ask the Lord of Hosts to continue to guide and protect him and strengthen his faith in your full redemption, by Christ Jesus.
- Army Ranger PFC Gregory Buechner Jr. – has returned to Fort Benning Georgia. Gregory is currently finishing his rigorous 13 week session to complete his Ranger training before returning to Afghanistan in the first-half of next year. Christ, keep him safe of body and firm in saving faith.
- Jessica Johnson – studying abroad in Scotland for the next four years to become a veterinarian: Lord God, bless Jessica in her studies and then bring her back safely, we pray.

## **Thank You Cleaners and Decorators**

Many “thank yous” are in order for all those who donated their time and energy to clean up the old church basement last week. It seemed like an impossible job, but your faithful godly efforts pulled it off. Also thanks to the families who put up the Christmas displays in the basement and to those who brought goodies for the concert Saturday night. The concert was very well received, first due to the tremendous God-given talents of Garth Neustadter and family, but also due to the great teamwork of Trinity members in getting things ready. Thank you everyone! (And also for the good work of the Fellowship Committee with the new member welcome, Sunday.)

## **Forward In Christ**

It is time to renew subscriptions for FORWARD IN CHRIST. The price for a year is \$9.00. There are envelopes on the table in back of church in the new entryway. The last day to order will be Sunday, January 17.

## **Schedule for Christmas Season**

Our Christmas Eve Sunday School service will be Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Day worship is 9:30 a.m. There will be no worship service on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have Holy Communion on Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Sounds of the Season**

**Manitowoc Lutheran High School** – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. at the Capital Civic Center.

## **Reminders**

- \* Please remember the Peter’s Pantry collection.
- \* Scrip is still available.
- \* We will be having a joint Christmas Eve practice after church on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

- \* Sunday School and Adult Bible Class are 8:15 Sundays. Remember, Sunday we continue the *Catholicism Today* Bible Class. Even if you've missed past sessions, join us any time!
- \* If you would like to put flowers on the altar or host a WCUB Radio Broadcast, please contact the church secretary.

### **MLHS Happenings**

**Wed 12/23** MLHS Christmas Concert @ Capitol Civic Centre; 4:30 & 7:30pm  
**12/24 – 1/3** MLHS Offices Closed for Christmas Recess

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Sat.19<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.20<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	WCUB Radio Broadcast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Christmas Eve Practice
<b>Wed.23<sup>rd</sup></b>	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Thurs.24<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
<b>Fri.25<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship
<b>Sun.27<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Thur.31<sup>st</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

### **Ushers:**

December 19<sup>th</sup> David Schultz, August Teesch

December 20<sup>th</sup> James Glaeser, Larry Hochkammer, Uriah Matznick, Marty Kiesow

### **Christmas Eve**

December 24<sup>th</sup> Keith Petersen, Jeff Tuschel, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

### **Christmas Day**

December 25<sup>th</sup> Dave Williamson, Dan Knutson, Wayne Otto, Joseph Nagel

December 27<sup>th</sup> Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Brett Glaeser, Len Arnold

## **Greeters:**

Dec.20<sup>th</sup> –Jim & Julie Glaeser

Dec.25<sup>th</sup> –Eileen & Steve Pleuss

Dec.27<sup>th</sup> – Gary & Lucille Vetter

## **Altar Guild: December – Group 4:**

Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow, Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott



## *A Happy Birthday to...*

12/23 A.J. Kenneke

**\*12/24 Lorena Nagel-96 yrs. young**

**\*12/26 Janet Matthias-80 yrs. young**

12/26 Breanna Hansen

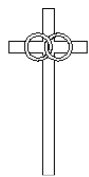
12/26 Chase Skinkis

12/27 James W. Ott

12/29 Charlotte Luebke

12/31 Eunice Barnes

12/31 Emma Krueger



## *Happy Anniversary To...*

None to report

*\*If you have a December birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!*