

Welcome in the name of the triune God who has called us from darkness to the glorious light of faith. Today's lessons show us the meaning of the name "Christ," the Anointed One. If you are our guest, please sign our guest register at the back of church. We invite you to worship with us again!

Communion Announcement

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Here at Trinity we practice a "close" Communion. God tells us that we are to be properly prepared for the Lord's Supper and that we show a unity in our faith when we go to Communion. Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of our common confession and we wouldn't want to put our guests in the awkward position of confessing beliefs they might not hold to, we ask that only members of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church come forward. If you have any questions or are interested in membership, please speak with Pastor Pope.

Our Worship

Order of Service: "The Common Service" with Holy Communion, can also be found on page 15 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN: 234 verses 1-5

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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

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: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through

your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV) *David was anointed as the King of Israel. He was chosen for a special task. Jesus was God's Anointed One, chosen for the special task of redeeming us.*

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." ² But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" ⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to

Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." ¹² So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 2 on page 65

Epistle Lesson: Titus 3:4-7 (NIV) *Through the saving merits of Jesus we are justified, that is, declared not guilty, before God. Through our baptism we have become heirs of eternal life.*

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom

he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia! (Mark 1:11b)

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 3:15-17,21,22 (NIV) *John the Baptist points to Jesus as true God, the promised Messiah. The Spirit and Father confirm John's testimony that Jesus is the anointed Son of God.*

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat ²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a

voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 89

SERMON TEXT: Luke 3:15-17,21,22

“JESUS WAS BAPTIZED TOO –
TO MAKE OURS SO RICHLY MEANINGFUL”

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

M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

C: We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.

M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

C: Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, We claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host, Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your spirit now shall live within.

C: All that I am and love most dearly-receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be! Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. Amen.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (Sung) It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **(Sung) Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: **(Sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

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HYMN: 372, 315

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: (Sung) Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (Sung) And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 you 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: 319 (please remain standing)



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, Manitowoc. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her organ playing.

Prayer Requests –

- Mike Enders – who has regained bodily strength after radiation treatments, and is set for another round this month – LORD, as you have promised, work this for the good of Mike and his wife, your servants who love you. Prosper them physically & spiritually.
- 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. He is expecting to return to Afghanistan in the first-half of this year. Christ, keep him firm in saving faith, and guard him by your angels.

- Jessica Johnson – studying abroad in Scotland for the next four years to become a veterinarian: Lord God, bless Jessica in her studies. Then, bring her back safely to the states, we pray.
- Marine Private Jamie Gilbertson – Great Grandson of Lucille Vetter, will complete his training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California, after his Christmas Furlough. We ask God to give him a faith-building experience and grant him many good things in his service for our country.

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. Reminder the last weekend to order is Jan.17th.

MLHS Hot Lunch

Trinity is planning to serve the ever-popular Macho Nachos for the MLHS Hot Lunch on Tuesday, February 2. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to donate money to help defray the cost of the food or for those who are willing to help serve lunch. Our congregation's support of the high school is important and the lunch is very much enjoyed and appreciated by the students. Help us to make it a success again this year!

Winter Fest

On Sunday, January 17th, following church, there will be a potluck lunch in the church basement (please bring a dish to pass) with chili and chicken noodle soup provided. After lunch, there will be activities for all ages; from sledding, crafts, games and misc. Please come and join us for fellowship and food.

Dedication Service

On Sunday, January 24th Trinity will be having the dedication service of the new entrance. Please help us celebrate God's many blessings with our new addition and enjoy fellowship over a delicious dinner. Chicken, ham and mashed potatoes are the main course. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass. We also need help with setup, serving and cleanup. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church if you can help.

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting

Please mark your calendars: the Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting will be Jan. 26th at 7:30 following the Trinity Ladies' Circle meeting.

Trinity Teens

Camp Sinawa was a success. Many parents used our cabin to explain the meaning of Christmas to their children. Thanks to everybody for their help.

The next meeting/activity will be January 16. We will meet at church at 10 AM for a short meeting and then drive to Appleton for laser tag - returning to church around 4 PM. The cost for a wristband at Funset Boulevard is \$11.95. If we can get a group of 20 or more the wristband is \$9.95 with a reservation. Food is not included with the prices. We will also need some adults to drive. Please contact Nancy at nmatznick@gmail.com before Wednesday January 13 if you are planning on attending or can drive.

Reminders

- Adult Bible Class and Sunday School are 8:15 Sundays.
- Adult Bible Class is this Thursday, Jan. 14th at 6:30. We are continuing the study of Hebrews 11, Heroes of Faith.

MLHS Events

Jan. 11 6:00 pm BBB @ Hilbert

Jan. 12 4:30 pm GBB Wrightstown

Jan. 15 Lancer For A Day NO SCHOOL
4:30 pm BBB Wrightstown

Calendar of Events

Sat.9th	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.10th	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
		Ushers' Meeting after Church
Mon.11th	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Tues.12th	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wed.13th	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
	8:00 p.m.	Spiritual Affairs
Thurs.14th	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Class
Sat.16th	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun.17th	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
		Winter Fest after Church

Ushers:

Jan.9th John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann

Jan.10th Keith Petersen (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Uriah Matznick, Jeff Tuschel

Jan.16th James Glaeser, August Teesch

Jan.17th Ron Kasten, Joseph Nagel, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

Greeters:

Jan.10th – Brian & Carol Glaeser family

Jan.17th – Harold & Ann Luebke

Jan.24th – Jeff & Krista Tuschel

Jan.31st – Juel & Marie Knutson

Altar Guild: January – Group 1:

Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen, Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner



A Happy Birthday to...

1/8 Sylvia Kasten-91 Yrs. Young

1/10 Anna Knutson

1/15 Steve Schreiber



Happy Anniversary To...

1/12 Greg & Rhonda Buechner – 6 Years!

1/18 Al & Marlene Sieker – 46 Years!

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

