



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Moorhead, Minnesota



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

WELCOME TO TRINITY!



Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, please fill out the pink slip on the front of this Order of Service and place it in the offering. We would love the opportunity to get to know you better. YOU are welcome at Trinity!

Offerings - Trinity Lutheran is a tithing church. We support many mission partners throughout our community. We also dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NW MN Synod of the ELCA. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes. Thank you for making a difference through your gifts.

Radio Sponsorship - The broadcast is being sponsored in memory of Pastor C. B. Runsvold, who was the first manager of Eventide. Listen to 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship live on 740 AM & 107.3 FM. These dates are available for sponsorship: January 14, 21, 28. Please help us continue this important outreach ministry. Call Char at 218-236-1333 to sign up.

WHAT'S NEW TODAY?

Prayer Concerns - Sonia Wateland, Marcia Anderson, Jim Olson, Ed Roesler, Chuck Sorensen, Margaret Stene, Clarice Leadbetter, Audra Luetjens, Jim Stenerson, Ellis Weiss, Dana Willard, Gwen Johanson, Jennifer Peterson, Lynne Kovash

Deaths: Sarah Nissen, granddaughter of Margene Kreps; Father of Sarajane Weiss
If you have a prayer request, contact the office or use the back side of the pink slip.

CAN YOU HELP?

As of December 15, we are carrying a deficit of just over \$90,000.

Are you able to make a special gift this month to help us end the year on a strong financial footing?

If so, please make your gift to the General Budget either at the church office, through the offering plate, or online through our website.

As always, thank you for your support.

Trinity *is* making a difference!

NEWS AND NOTES

Did you miss a service?

If you missed the children's Christmas worship service or our Lessons & Carols service, you can view the entire service online at bit.ly/watchtcl. Share it with your family & friends!

Baptism Orientation

Are you planning a baptism soon? Join us for Baptism Orientation on **Tuesday, January 9**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

Rutter's Requiem at Trinity Lutheran Church

The F-M Choral Artists will be performing John Rutter's exquisite *Requiem* with a professional orchestra on **Saturday, January 13**, at 7:30 p.m. and on **Sunday, January 14**, at 2:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary, and tickets are available for purchase at the door or online at www.fmchoralartists.org. This concert is part of the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation Concert Series.

New Member Orientation

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Trinity, please join us for a New Member Orientation on **Tuesday, January 30**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Contact the office for more information or fill out a pink slip and place it in the offering plate.



Sign up to serve in the new year!

The new year is upon us, and what better way to ring it in than to sign up to serve! Sign up online to serve coffee, read scripture, serve communion & more at bit.ly/servetrinity. We can't do it without you!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

4:45 p.m. - Wednesday School

5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Meal
Menu: pulled pork, cole slaw, chips

6:30 p.m. - CLC
Preaching: Pastor Kristina Waters

See back page for full Wednesday evening schedule.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary
Preaching: Pastor Simon Fensom

9:35 a.m. - School of Discipleship
Join us for a presentation about our new Farmer's Market Coffee!

10:30 a.m. - CLC
Preaching: Pastor Matt Peterson

Texts for Baptism of Our Lord
First Lesson - Genesis 1:1-5
Second Lesson - Acts 19:1-7
Gospel - Mark 1:4-11

ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, December 27

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary - 9

Monday, December 25

10 a.m. Sanctuary - 73

Sunday, December 24

10 a.m. Sanctuary - 149

3 p.m. Sanctuary - 313

4:15 p.m. Sanctuary - 558

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary - 228

11 p.m. Sanctuary - 160

TOTAL - 1,490

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

For complete schedule go to www.trinitymhd.org

Monday, January 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

3:00 p.m. Wedding of Leah Sorby &
Rolf Eggers - Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Mission Workshop - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Fourté Quartet Rehearsal - Room 38
8:00 pm. AA and Al-Anon

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Mission Workshop - Fellowship Hall
4:45 p.m. Wednesday School - Classrooms
5:15 p.m. Wednesday Meal - CLC
5:30 p.m. 78th on FiF - Room 238
5:45 p.m. Celebration Singers - Room 38
5:45 p.m. Joyful Noise - Room 46
5:45 p.m. Minims - Room 216
6:30 p.m. Confirmation - CLC
6:30 p.m. Communion Worship - CLC
7:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir - Balcony
7:15 p.m. Senior High Youth - Room 238
8:00 p.m. Friends in Faith - Room 238

Thursday, January 4

1:30 p.m. Senior Ministry Team - Lounge
5:30 p.m. Acappella Xpress - Room 46
7:00 p.m. Venturing Crew 007 -
Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Reading Revelation - Lounge

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
Baptism of Archer Alex Brown Waters
8:30 a.m. Worship Ensemble Rehearsal - CLC
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation - CLC
9:35 a.m. Sunday Morning Live - Room 238
9:35 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks -
Caring Center
9:35 a.m. School of Discipleship - Lounge
9:35 a.m. Sunday School - Classrooms
10:30 a.m. Communion Worship - CLC
Baptisms of Hollis & Piper Morgan
10:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
Baptism of Macie Lynn Johnson
1:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leader Training -
Fellowship Hall

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sanctuary
Sunday, December 31, 2017

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold type**.*

PRELUDE “In Dulci Jubilo” - Dupre

Andrew Steinberg, Organist

WELCOME

GATHERING CAROL “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#275

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10-62:3

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being 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 with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
 children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
 crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an
 heir, through God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
 Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic hosts proclaim. “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
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GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the
 law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), 24 and they
 offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or
 two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this
 man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
 rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death
 before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple;
 and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the
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The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kristina Waters

OFFERING CAROL

“The Bells of Christmas”

#298

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed...

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#276

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

#294

“Love Has Come”

#292

BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #290

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Toccata on "From Heaven Above" - Edmunson Andrew Steinberg, Organist

"THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS."

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Pre-Service Music	CLC Worship Band
Welcome	
Gathering Song	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
Confession & Forgiveness	
Greeting	The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.
Song of Praise	“Angels We Have Heard on High”
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Children's Message

Alleluia Verse

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gospel

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Sermon

Pastor Kristina Waters

Offering Song

“The Bells of Christmas”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

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Sharing of the Peace

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Offertory

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

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Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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Distribution Songs

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

CLC Ensemble

"Away in a Manger"

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Blessing

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CLC Worship Band

"The worship has ended, now the service begins."