



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME • WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE

Moorhead, Minnesota



*First Sunday of Christmas
January 1, 2017*

"Welcoming the community to worship and grow in serving God."

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 - Listen to 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship live on KVOX (740 AM). These dates are available for sponsorship: Jan. 8, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12
Please help us continue this important outreach ministry. Call Char at 218-236-1333 to sign up.

Prayer Concerns - Marcia Strom, Debra Regstad, Evelyn Stuart, Vi Lien, Luke Stetz, Jacob Rasmussen, Sarah Nissen, Carol Kennedy, Gwen Johanson

Deaths: Lila Hazemann; Sister of Lois Smerud

Wedding: Stephanie Honomichl & Austin Russet

Renewal of Vows: Alex & Morgan Olson

If you have a prayer request, contact the office or use the back side of the pink slip.

Baptism of Amelia Jean Hanson, child of Nicholas & Katherine Hanson.

Blood pressure checks will be held next Sunday instead of today.

News and Notes

Commitment Cards for 2017

A sincere thank you to all who have already responded with their financial commitment to our ministry in 2017. If you have not yet responded, please give it your consideration. Even if you contribute through direct deposit, please fill out the card - we need your estimate to keep our information accurate. Commitment cards are available in the church office.

Wednesday School will resume on Jan. 4; Sunday school will resume on January 8.

Wednesday evening activities, choirs and dinner will resume January 4. Check the calendar at www.trinitymhd.org for more details.

FM Choral Artists presents "Mozart Requiem"

- Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. in Trinity's Sanctuary.
- Under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, the FM Choral Artists, will be joined by a professional orchestra and soloists.
- The choir will also present works by Mendelssohn, Purcell, and others.
- Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for students) and available online through www.fmchoralartists.org.

Thank You for Giving to Churches United

- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Churches United Giving Tree. Your generosity provided 118 Christmas gifts for adults and children staying at the shelter. Thank you for your kindness!

Group meeting at Lost & Found

- "Loving an Alcoholic/Addict" support group for those impacted by addiction.
- Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 111 7th St. So., Moorhead, MN. Free and open to all.

Friday Fellowship

- Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. in the CLC.
- Service project: Health Kit items.
- All are welcome!

Attendance

<u>Saturday, Dec. 24</u>	<u>Sunday, Dec. 25</u>
3:00 Sanctuary - 294	10:00 a.m. - 130
4:15 Sanctuary - 663	
5:30 Sanctuary - 264	
11:00 Sanctuary - 153	
Total -	1,504

Trinity Wednesday meals

Served by the Boy Scouts from
5-6:15 p.m. in the CLC
Adults \$7.50, kids \$3.50

Jan. 4 - Chicken Kiev, wild rice, veggies

Pizza also served for \$1.50 per slice.

Week of Jan. 8

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, Jan. 8

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Simon Fensom

10:30 a.m. - CLC

Preaching: Pastor Matt Peterson

Wednesday, Jan. 11

6:30 p.m. - CLC service

Preaching: Pastor Matt Peterson

Texts

1st Reading - Isaiah 42:1-8

2nd Reading - Acts 10:34-43

Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17

This Week at Trinity

For complete schedule go to www.trinitymhd.org

Monday, January 2

Church offices closed
Trinity Preschool closed

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Mission Workshop Preparations - Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Knit Wits - Room 225
8:00 p.m. AA and Al-Anon - Rooms 209, 211, 213, 215, 216

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Mission Workshop
4:45 p.m. Trinity Chimes - Room 42
5:00 p.m. Family Supper/Pizza - CLC
5:30 p.m. Trinity Brass - Balcony
5:40 p.m. Wednesday School - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Trinity Handbells - Room 42
6:30 p.m. Communion Worship - CLC
6:30 p.m. Celebration Singers - Room 38
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise - Room 46
6:30 p.m. Minims - Lounge
7:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir - Balcony
7:15 p.m. Confirmation with parents - CLC
8:00 p.m. Friends in Faith - Room 238

Thursday, January 5

1:30 p.m. Senior Ministry Team - Lounge
8:00 p.m. AA and Al-Anon "One Page at a Time" - Rooms 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 216

Friday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Reading Revelation - Lounge

Sunday, January 8

Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Worship Ensemble Rehearsal - CLC
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation - CLC
9:35 a.m. School of Discipleship - Lounge
9:35 a.m. Sunday School - classrooms
9:35 a.m. Sunday Morning Live (grades 7-12) - Room 238
10:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Communion Worship - CLC

Order of Service

Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017

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

Prelude “In Dulci Jubilo” -Dupre

Andrew Steinberg, Organist

Welcome

Invocation

We gather as we live in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Carol “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

Amen.

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

God of peace,

we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

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.

**O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you
protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and
adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 43:15-21

15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and
horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched
like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am
about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in
the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and
the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my
chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

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!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"**

Gospel Matthew 9:14-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th Chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" 15 And Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. 17 Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Carol “The Bells of Christmas”

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Amelia Jean Hanson, child of Nicholas & Katherine Hanson
Sponsors: Reagan McClellan; Derek Grund
Congregational Sponsor: Kersey Strom

In baptism our gracious God frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

As parents and sponsors, do you present Amelia Jean for the sacrament of holy baptism?
We do.

In Christian love you have presented Amelia for holy baptism. You are entrusted with the following responsibilities: to live with her among God’s faithful people, to bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. As parents and sponsors, do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

(congregation stands to join in the confession of faith)

I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, to reject sin, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil, the powers of this world, and the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

We do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

(prayers conclude with...)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people of Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Amelia Jean Hanson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Amelia Jean, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Amelia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Through Baptism God has made Amelia a new member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

We welcome you into God's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and servant with us in the kingdom of God.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

In this season of colds and flu, please feel free to share the peace, but not the germs by "rubbing elbows" instead of shaking hands.

Offertory

(offering brought forward)

**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!"**

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...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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

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

All are welcome at the table of the Lord. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you prefer to receive communion at your seat, please inform an usher. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

Communion Music

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

#282

"O Christ the Same"

#760

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

#294

Blessing

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

Organ

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

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or take it home to reference during the week. Thank you.*