



Trinity Lutheran Church



January
5
2025
Second Sunday
of Christmas

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

The light
shines in the
darkness,
and the
darkness did
not over-
come it.
John 1:5

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We are glad you are here!

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

HYMN SING ALONG

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 4

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...love is everlasting.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin....and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God with us,

C we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

P Hear the good news and rejoice!...freed to respond in joy.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Love Has Come

ELW 292

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness. Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord

ELW PAGE 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast

ELW PAGE 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God...now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:7-14

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147-:12-20

Sung responsively



- 12 Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,
- 13 **who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**
- 14 God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
- 15 **God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly.**
- 16 God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.
- 17 **God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
- 18 The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
- 19 **God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**
- 20 The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go* **ELW PAGE 151**

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Our Gladness Have No End

ELW 291

Please stand for the last verse.

1 Let our gladness have no end, Hallelujah! for to earth did Christ descend.
Hallelujah!

Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

2 Prophesied in days of old, Hallelujah! God has sent the one foretold. Hallelujah!
Refrain

3 See the loveliest blooming rose, Hallelujah! from the branch of Jesse grows.
Hallelujah! *Refrain*

4 Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah! our true refuge and our Lord.
Hallelujah! *Refrain*

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown

APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ELW PAGE 127

THE PRAYERS

A Filled with good news ...and all people.

A brief silence.

A O God,...God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We commend these prayers...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG **ELW 188**

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

A Let us pray. God of heaven and earth...from day to day.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *The Lord be with you* **ELW PAGE 152**

P It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **ELW PAGE 153**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER **ELW PAGE 154**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.

LAMB OF GOD **ELW PAGE 154**

COMMUNION HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* **ELW 490**

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way;
as the Light of light, descending from the realms of endless day,
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Merciful God,...share the good news of great joy.

C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, ...the comfort of your abiding presence.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The God of love,...today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

- 1 Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- 3 Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 5, 2025.....	Doorstep Food Donation Day.....	
	Hymn Sing Along.....	10:15 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Congregational Life meeting.....	Noon
Mon., Jan. 6.....	Budget Meeting	6:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 7.....	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Sunday, Jan. 12	Adult Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	PFLAG meeting	2:00 PM

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Jan. 5	Brayden Winsor	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Bob & Janeen Horton
Jan. 12	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/
Dec. 15	\$2,079.82	\$520.00	\$2,599.82	-\$2,211.54	\$388.28	34/31
Dec. 22	\$2,518.00	\$27.00	\$2,545.00	-\$2,211.54	\$333.46	31/31
Dec. 24	\$282.00	\$0.00	\$282.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,929.54	49/38
Dec. 29	\$1,480.00	\$0.00	\$1,480.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$731.54	30/0
		Nov. 2024	\$7,008.00	-\$12,223.45	-\$5,215.45	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$97,555.21	-\$134,295.51	-\$36,740.30	



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

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Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President Diane Bottorff

Vice-President Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

Secretary Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Parker Jackson (Administration)

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