



December 26, 2021

Christmas 1

Theme of the Day:

*What child is this?
Our substitute and sacrifice.*

OPENING HYMN

36 – “A Great and Mighty Wonder” (verses 1-3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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.**

P: 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: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 50:4-9

The servant of the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah. While we have not always trusted God, Jesus demonstrated perfect obedience and trust, even when his Father asked him to be the sacrifice for our sin.

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned back. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other. Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 84

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 2:10-18

Through his suffering and sacrifice, Jesus has made us holy. He now calls us his brothers and sisters.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

¹¹ Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

Please stand.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke chapter 2.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL - Luke 2:41-52

Even as a boy, Jesus was acting as our substitute, demonstrating obedience to the heavenly Father and respect for God's holy Word.

⁴¹ Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ

APOSTLE’S 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.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

41 – “Let All Together Praise Our God” (verses 1-4)

SERMON Text: Hebrews 2:10-18

Theme: Ponder the message of the manger.

1. He is truly human.
2. Who gives us divine aid.

Please stand.

CREATE IN ME

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

53 – “To Shepherds as They Watched by Night” (v. 1, 3, 4, &5)

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

37 – “Once Again My Heart Rejoices” (v. 1, 3, 4, &5)

Announcements:

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown following each service today.

THERE WILL BE only one worship service today, December 26, and next Sunday, January 2, at 9:30 a.m. There will not be Sunday school or Bible class either Sunday. Take the time to enjoy time with your family and friends.

NEW YEAR'S EVE Holy Communion worship service will be celebrated Friday, December 31, at 7:00pm. Close the year praising your Lord for all His grace to you in 2021!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready for pick up in the church by the south entrance. Please check them for accuracy. Address wrong- please email or call the school office. Please wait 'til next Sunday to use them. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419-306-0127 or email cdinniger@roadrunner.com.



MOON, STARS, AND NIGHT-TIME: Bring your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to Mornings with Mommy on January 3 or Tuesday, January 4 to learn about the moon, stars, and night-time. Meet in the church basement at 9:30 to explore moon sand, paint a night-time sky, cut play-dough stars, and build a rocket. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994. You can see pictures from our previous sessions at facebook.com/trinitymwm.

UNDERSHEPHERDS: A new money-counting list has been issued by email. If you do not have email, you may pick one up at the back of church.

Thank you! to Marlene Eick for accompanying us on organ and piano today. It's always a treat and a blessing to have you join us!

ON THE MOVE: Ralph Anderson has a new address: 19584 Township Road 65, Jenera. His phone is 419.365.0090. He enjoys calls, mail, and visits!

WHO LIKES GAMES?? The Outreach committee is planning a game night on January 16, 2022 (yes-2022!) from 3-7:00pm in the school. There will be a supper at 5:00. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. You better join us! Sounds like a great time. Thank you, Outreach Committee- you're all doing a fabulous job!



MORE GAMES: The annual Euchre Tournament is back. This year, Immanuel is hosting on January 29th. Watch for more details and time in the bulletin. Let's support our church. Go team! Beat Immanuel!!

OPEN GYM: The school's gym continues to be available for those wanting to play basketball indoors on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please change into dry, non-marking athletic shoes before entering the gym to help keep our gym floor in good condition.



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A BIG THANK YOU from our shut-ins for the Christmas cards that they have received. As a reminder- most nursing homes are open and are welcoming visitors. Please call ahead to verify as they do periodically close for illnesses (including flu). Most will require a simple screening which usually consists of a temperature check.

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting on January 9, immediately following second service, to call a 3rd & 4th grade teacher. All voting members are encouraged to attend, non-voters and the women of the church are also welcome.

WOMEN: Mark your calendars! Trinity Women's Ministry will be having a Bible study on abortion on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a warm place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children at Trinity Lutheran School on Monday, January 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, mini-trampolines, slides, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

Call Response:

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

The past few weeks I have had the privilege to wrestle in prayer between the call I currently have to Trinity as a teacher, organist, and school music director and the call that was issued to me by FVL Schools to be their Director of Instruction. This deliberation was like no other I have experienced. David and I are happy here in Jenera and I enjoy being a classroom teacher. I appreciate the many members who have spoken to me about how my gifts are valued at Trinity and would continue to be used in the future. I also appreciate the many members who reached out to tell me that my gifts would be a blessing to hundreds of teachers and thousands of students if I were to accept the call to Wisconsin. After many conversations with a wide variety of people and prayerful deliberation, the Holy Spirit has led me to accept the call to FVL Schools as their Director of Instruction. As several Trinity members told me, "God will provide." I trust that He will send the right person to Jenera at the right time to continue the work that He has started in this place, and that they will be an even bigger blessing to the school and congregation than we can imagine. Thank you for your support of my ministry here.

In the name of our newborn King,

Mrs. Linda Baumann

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of December 19, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 190; Early: 102; Late: 88; Adult Bible Study: 30; Teens: 6, Sunday School 25; Mornings with Mommy: 45. On-line worship service views for December 12 were 37; the Advent Song Service was 14.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 1 are the members of Steve Rausch's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 2, will be the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Joe & Jean Spaeth

Next Sunday: Dwight & Norma Rader

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (December 26 through January 2)

TODAY Worship 9:30; WELS Connection.

MON Newsletter articles due.

FRI New Year's Eve Communion Service 7:00 p.m.

SUN **Worship 9:30:** Communion.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*



Merry Christmas