

Liturgy at
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

January 6, 2019 + 9am

The Epiphany of Our Lord



Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

Prelude

| We Three Kings
Paul Manz
(1909-2009)

Help Us Create **SACRED SPACE** by powering down

Please do not use cell phones and other electronic devices.

The ringing of the *meditation bowl* calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for worship.

As you pass the *baptismal font* upon entering or leaving the church, and/or on the way to communion, you may *dip your hand in the water* and *make the sign of the cross*. This is an ancient body prayer to remember you are a baptized child of God. Simply touch your forehead to chest, then your left to right shoulder.

GATHERING

Turn to face the cross as it enters; you may bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

*Our liturgy is multi-sensory and shows the significance of our bodies and all of God's creation. Used in many religions, the sweet smell of **incense** represents the rising of our prayers and the aroma of Christ spreading in procession throughout the world. We honor (cense) the primary symbols of the liturgy: the people, font, ambo (lectern), book of scriptures, cross, and table (altar).*

Gathering Hymn

#300 *The First Noel*

Stanza 3 – High Voices (sopranos/altos); *Refrain* – All

Stanza 4 – Low Voices (tenors/basses); *Refrain* – All

Greeting

*During the greeting the presiding minister and assembly **bow toward one another**. We learn from Eastern cultures the deep significance of a bow as a sign of mutuality and the presence of Christ among us.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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.

Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.

Let us kneel down before the Christ Child
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

[2]

Cantor/Choir:



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All:



1. Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that
2. East - ern sag - es at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions
3. Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: In - cense does their



told his birth, to the world its God an - nounc - ing
rich and rare: See them give, in deep de - vo - tion,
God dis - close, Gold the King of kings proclaims him,



seen in form of flesh on earth.
gold, and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
Myrrh his se - pul - chur fore - shows.



Glo - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: French carol; tr. H.F. Henry *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne for soon the Child of Light will come.
Let ev'ry voice prepare a song to welcome Christ the Promised One.
Let ev'ry hand reach out with love to greet this gift from God above.

Make ready now, the Savior comes, the Prince of Peace, the Promised One.
So let the flame of Advent grow, each candle shines that all may know
The hope we need, so long foretold will soon be here for us to hold.

(Text: Quoting from *Hark, the glad sound*, Phillip Doddridge; Mark Patterson, additional lyrics)

Canticle of Praise

*Fairer than the Sun
at Morning*

Prayer of the Day

Anthem

*Let Every Heart
Prepare a Throne*
Mark Patterson

*Sung by the Holy Trinity
Children's Choir*

WORD

Hymn

#265 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Reading

| *From Luke 2*

Hymn

| *Sing We Now of
Christmas*

Stanza 3 – High Voices (sopranos/altos)

Stanza 4 – Low Voices (tenors/basses)



1. Sing we now of Christ - mas, No - ðl sing we here.
2. An - gels called to shep - herds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
3. In a stall they found him with his moth - er mild.
4. Wise men from the O - rient jour - neyed from a - far
5. Gold and myrrh they of - fered, gifts of great - est price.
6. Praise we now our Sav - ior on this ho - ly night.



Sing our grate - ful prais - es to the Child so dear.
Jour - ney forth to Beth - l'hem; find the In - fant blest."
Jo - seph, at the man - ger, watched the ho - ly Child.
Bear - ing cost - ly treas - ure, guid - ed by a star.
There was ne'er a sta - ble so like par - a - dise.
Let us gath - er 'round him, Christ, the Lord of light.



Sing we No - ðl, the King is born, No - ðl!



Sing we now of Christ - mas, sing we here No - ðl!

Text: French carol; tr. anonymous; adaptation, hymnal version, © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: NOËL, NOUVELET, H 11 with refrain; French carol; harm. by Thomas Foster, b.1938

Reading

| *From John 1*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him, and nothing was made that he has not made.
(John 1:1-3)

#292 *Love Has Come*

#303 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

#267 *Joy to the World*

On stanza 5, stand to welcome the gospel as Christ—the Word of God—as it is proclaimed among us in this place and time. Turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly, a sign of Christ among us.

See page 12 for the hymn.

This reading proclaims that even as a young child, Jesus is recognized as a king of the Jews who has significance for the entire globe. Even the sky shows new light. Not only Jews, but also people from other religions see God's light in Jesus. Christians have seen their gifts to the poor and to the church as like the gifts of the magi. Herod's threat is a down payment on the cross.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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



Anthem

| *The Word was God*
Rosephanye Powell
(b. 1962)

*Sung by the Holy Trinity
Choir*

Hymn

Reading

| *From Isaiah 60*

Hymn

Hymn

Reading

| *From Psalm 72*

Procession of the Magi

| *We Three Kings*

Gospel

| *Matthew 2:1-12*

*As the gospel is announced, you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.
verse.*

Hymn

| What Star is This

Stanza 3 – High Voices (sopranos/altos)

Stanza 4 – Low Voices (tenors/basses)



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed: "From Ja - cob
3. While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, An in - ward
4. O Je - sus, while the star of grace In - vites us
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a
shall a star pro - ceed." And lo! The east - ern
light the Lord con - veys. It urg - es them, with
all to seek your face, Let not our sloth - ful
Spir - it, Three in One, May ev - 'ry tongue and



new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.
sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.
force be - nign, To seek the Giv - er of the sign.
hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of your light to use,
na - tion raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

TEXT: *Quem stellis ade pulchrior*, Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
TUNE: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Silence

~be seated~

Following the hymn there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation. Our liturgy is not only made up of words, gestures and music, but also moments of silence.

~stand~

After each petition:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

~ be seated ~

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

A special welcome to newcomers! We invite you to fill out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when you come up for communion or as you depart.

We thank you for your generous support of Holy Trinity. We seek to **do church differently** as we address racial justice, climate change, and take stands for the rights and dignity of all people created in the image of God. Most of our congregation gives online and you can set up one-time or recurring donations at giving.htchicago.org.

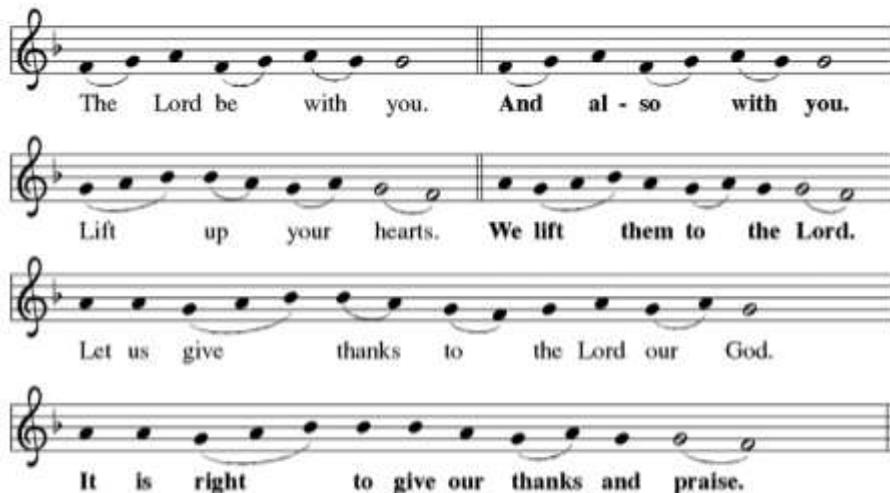
*Today's loose offering will support **The Night Ministry**. Checks and envelope offerings support Holy Trinity's overall ministry unless designated otherwise. Offerings may be put in the basket **on the way to communion**.*

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
"Glory to the newborn King,"
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord!
Jesus, the Light of the world.

~stand~



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Setting the Table

Offertory Anthem

| *Walk in the Light*
Traditional,
arr. André Thomas
(b. 1952)

Great Thanksgiving

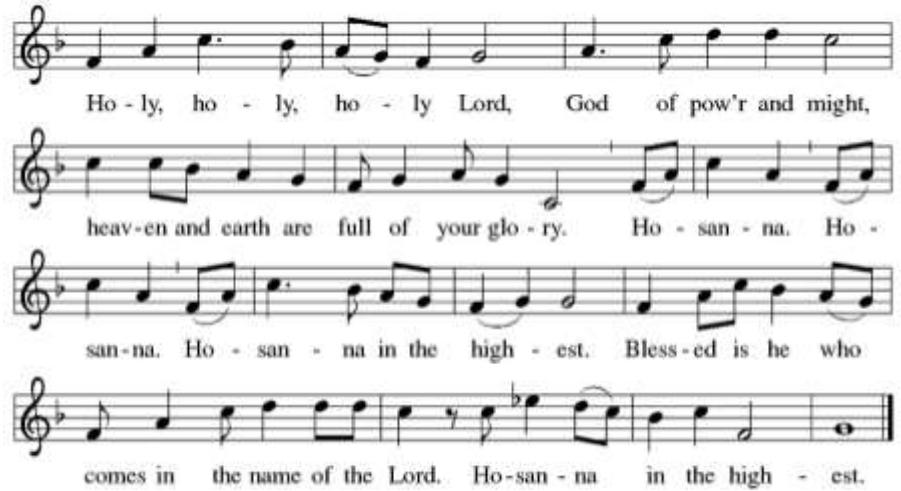
The thanksgiving includes the following:
| *Dialogue*

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

This ancient song is the musical climax of the liturgy and uses texts from Isaiah and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At the words "blessed is he who comes," some make the sign of the cross as a connection to our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



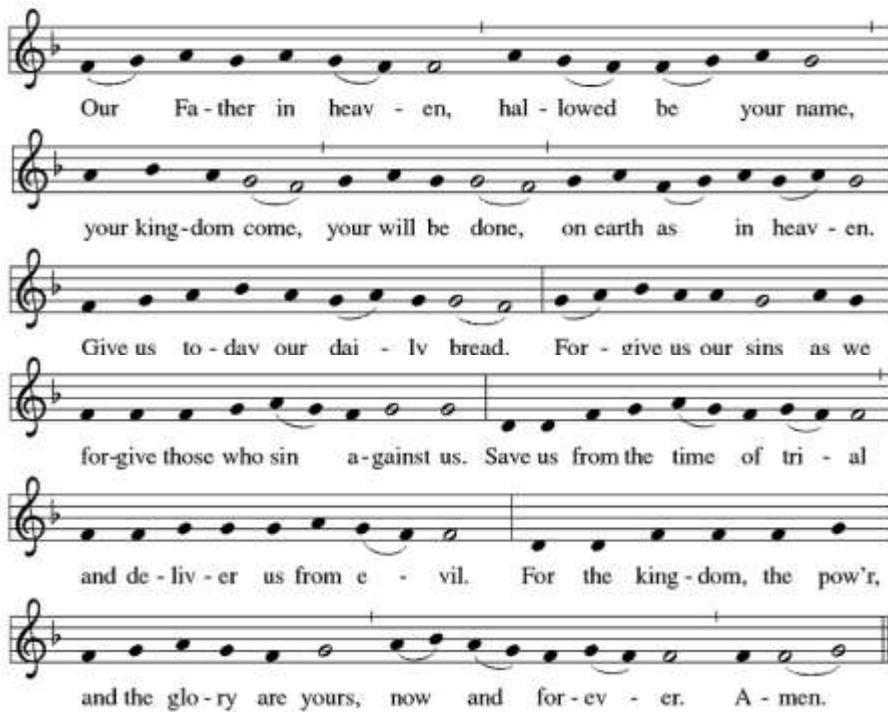
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The spoken responses during the Thanksgiving at the Table echo the presiding minister.

...with the Magi and people from all nations, we praise you, O God, Blessed and Holy Trinity, now until the end of time.

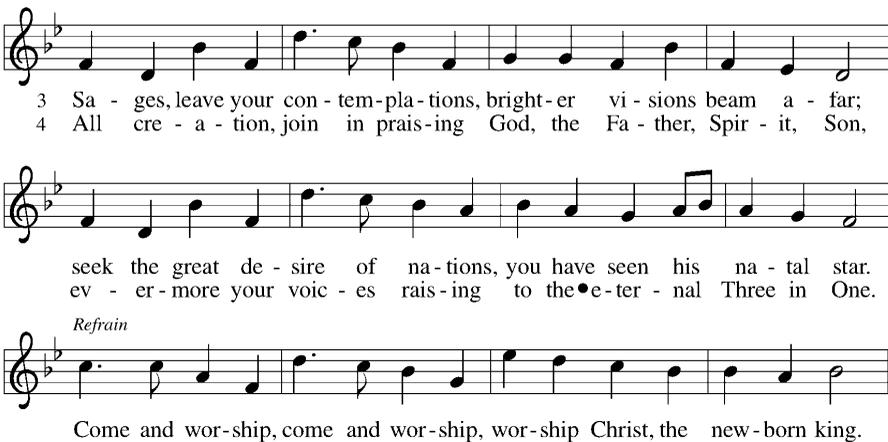


A - men, a - men, a - men.



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

| *The Lord's Prayer*
 As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.



3 Sa-ges, leave your con-tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi-sions beam a-far;
 4 All cre-a-tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa-ther, Spir-it, Son,
 seek the great de-sire of na-tions, you have seen his na-tal star.
 ev-er-more your voic-es rais-ing to the e-ter-nal Three in One.
Refrain
 Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

| *Breaking of the Bread*
 Please remain standing.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

~ be seated ~

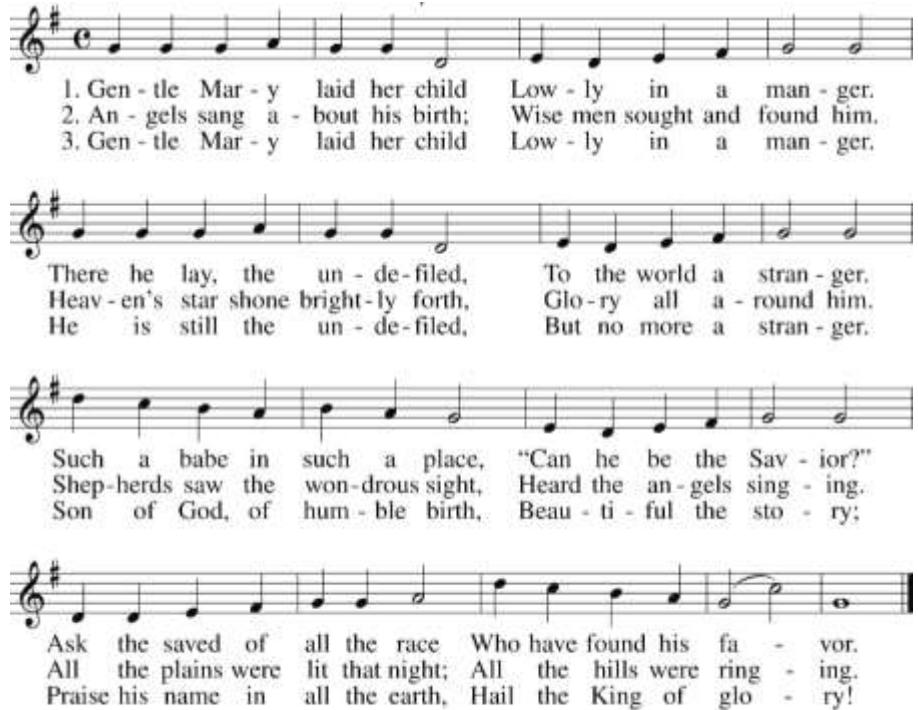
Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received either by drinking from the (silver) common cup, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the second (glass) cup. Gluten-free wafers are available from the presiding minister. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone.

Holy Trinity's radical welcome is also an **invitation to baptism** and a deeper connection to community. If you are not baptized, please speak to one of the pastors to learn more about the process of adult baptism.

Communion Hymn

Gentle Mary Laid
Her Child



1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger.
2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth; Wise men sought and found him.
3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger.

There he lay, the un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round him.
He is still the un - de - filed, But no more a stran - ger.

Such a babe in such a place, "Can he be the Sav - ior?"
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing.
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night; All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph S. Cook, 1859-1933
Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, 7 6 7 6 D; Por Carriones, 1582; arr. by Ernest C. MacMillan, 1893-1973

Communion Anthem

This Little Light of
Mine

Trad. Spiritual, arr.
Moses Hogan
(b. 1957)

Sung by the Holy Trinity
Choir

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.
My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
In my home, all over the world, let it shine!

Silence

[10]

~ stand~

Let us pray. *brief silence*

...Amen.

SENDING

Having heard the word and shared the eucharist, we are sent to live our baptism through words and deeds, making known the love of Christ, and working for justice and peace in our families, communities, and world.

*Turn to face the cross as it recesses, you may **bow** as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.*

#302 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God!

*Following the liturgy, several things happen simultaneously: some folks **greet one another** and converse; others listen to the **organ postlude**; and others move to the front of the sanctuary for **refreshments and social time**.*



Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Sending

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

“Good Christian
Friends, Rejoice!”

Norman Dello Joio
(1913-2008)

Procession of the Magi *We Three Kings*

Stanza 1 – All Stanzas 2-4 – Soloists; All Sing Refrains

Stanza 5 – All STAND and sing



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTER-----	Pr. Michelle Sevig
MINISTER OF MUSIC-----	David Brackley
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR-----	Lauren Haines Walerow
ASSISTING MINISTER-----	Vicar Noah Herren
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COMMUNION ASSISTANT-----	Drew Bradle, Kristen Ruckdeschel
MEDITATION BELL-----	James Perez
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MAGI AND STAR-----	Maggie Peyton, Karsten and Micah Cisneros, Grant Peterson
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS-----	Colin and Jonas Licklider
ALTAR PREPARATION-----	Denise Mineck
WELCOME HOSPITALITY-----	Belle Craig, Jim Hiepler-Hartwig
BREAD-----	Lora Swanson

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer in the New Year

- + Help cook and serve a meal for **The Crib Shelter on January 12**. Contact Ken Duckmann (justducky514@yahoo.com, 773-551-2573) with questions.

Coffee Hospitality Hosts and 2019 Flower Sponsorship Signups

- Signup sheets for coffee hospitality hosts and flower sponsorships are on the back table.*
- More information about each opportunity is available on the signup sheet.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

- Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on **Sunday, January 27 following the 11am service.**
- + Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Save the Date!

- + Sunday, March 3, Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner
- + Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent

Mission Endowment Fund Grants + Applications Due January 31

Holy Trinity's Mission Endowment Committee is pleased to announce for the fourth year in a row the availability of a small number of grants that will extend our commitment to and support of mission beyond our congregation. Registered charities qualified under IRS §501(c)(3) are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$1,500 with the endorsement and signature of a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The grant deadline for 2019 annual grants is January 31, 2019. For more information and to download an application for, visit htchicago.org/endowment. Any questions which are not answered by reading the form may be directed to Thomas Spalla, Mission Endowment Fund Committee Chair, at spallat@hotmail.com.

Book Group January 21

Eat, Drink, Read. Make a New Year's resolution to join the book group! We'll be meeting on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 PM to discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Please contact Becky Sims (rsims@1702.org) for more information and where to meet. Please join us, even if you don't have time to read the book!

Commemorations for the Week

January 9 + Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.



POINSETTIAS & GREENS SPONSORS

- ∴ George Ahlgrim, in memory of parents, relatives, and friends, and in thanksgiving for blessings received
- ∴ The Ashby family, in thanksgiving for Grant, Charlotte, and Margot
- ∴ Ed Beach and John Bumatay
- ∴ Molly Beran, in memory of Wayne Thell.
- ∴ Richard Bough and David Easterbrook, in memory of Anthony J. Reisman
- ∴ Richard Boyum, in honor of Joyce and Orville Hegseth
- ∴ Rich Campbell, in thanks for God's many blessings
- ∴ Sandra Cline, in honor of Carol & Ryan LaHurd, Kevin Strickland, and Robby Saner
- ∴ Scott Clodfelter, in honor of Donna Clodfelter
- ∴ The Donnell Family
- ∴ Carrie Egan
- ∴ The Feigon-Conti Family
- ∴ Kerry Fleming, in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleming
- ∴ Phyllis Geistlinger, in memory of William, Catherine, Laurel Bearmore and in honor of Tim and Emmy's engagement
- ∴ Andy Halvorson, in memory of his mother, Marianne Halvorson
- ∴ Colleen and Chris Hanna, in memory of Colleen's sister, Cathy Fleming
- ∴ Anne Hulslander and Jason Moy, in thanksgiving for family and friends
- ∴ Randy and Linda Johnson, in memory of Clint Johnson and Jean Mayrens
- ∴ Tony and Geraldine Kruse, in thanksgiving for God's grace and the HTLC family
- ∴ The Licklider Family, in memory of Jerry Licklider and Charlie Fredenburg, and in thanksgiving for Lauren Haines Walerow and the Holy Trinity Children's Choir
- ∴ Amy and Jeremy Loch, in memory of their daughters, Lilly Ruth Loch and Lynn Loch, and in memory of Jeremy's father, James Loch
- ∴ Beth Mankowski, in memory of Joseph Mankowski and David Hoppenstand
- ∴ Martin and Lauren Modahl, in memory of Rose Mary Raffetto
- ∴ James Perez and Ken Duckmann, in memory of Alvaro and Marta Miranda (grandparents), Ken and Lillian Duckmann (grandparents), Charly Jakobsen (grandmother), and Ken Duckmann, Jr. (father)
- ∴ Dawn Roscoe, in memory of Wilma Roscoe
- ∴ Randy Wilson and Becky Sims, in honor of Hope's 11th birthday and Blake's 8th birthday
- ∴ Lisa and Andy Snyder, in memory of Janet Stevens
- ∴ Laura and Tom Spalla, in memory of Ivan Crnkovich, Morry Spalla, and Tom Moro
- ∴ Kent and Lora Swanson, in thanksgiving for Alana and Alex Swanson
- ∴ Ernest Vasseur and Craig Mueller, in thanksgiving for the talented staff of Holy Trinity
- ∴ Dinah Wayne, in loving memory of Mary-Ann Wayne
- ∴ Barbara Wahler, in memory of Margery Wahler and Dorothy Thrash
- ∴ Karol Weigelt, in memory of Claire Evans and in gratitude for her brothers, Keith and John, and the special Christmases they shared together on Artesian
- ∴ Karol Weigelt and David Stahl, in thanksgiving for Esley, Tom, and Felix in sharing their first Christmas together
- ∴ Peter Wong, in thanksgiving for God's blessing



NEWCOMER OR FIRST TIME? WELCOME!

- + **Whoever you are**, wherever you're from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, or whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here.
- + Please fill out a **yellow slip in the pew rack** and place it in the offering plate.
- + **More information** on Holy Trinity, Lutheranism, worship practices, marriage and baptisms at the welcome table.
- + **To families with small children:** We are glad you are here! If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church. **Nursery:** open 8:45am – 12:15pm Use the garden entrance on Addison; nursery is inside the door. **Special children's materials** are on a rack at the back of the church.
- + **Sunday School for children ages 4-12:** Children age 4- 12 are invited to join us for Sunday school each week. We begin promptly at 10am. Children age 4 through grade 2 meet upstairs in Passavant Hall. Children grades 3-6 meet in the Spiritual Life Center. Contact Pastor Sevig (msevig@htchicago.org) if you have any questions.



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