

# *JANUARY NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity*

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## *BOTH CHURCHES*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Jan 4th	1 Kin 3:4-15	Psa 119:97-104	Eph 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
Jan 11th	Isa 42:1-9	Psa 29	Rom 6:1-11	Matt 3:13-17
Jan 18th	Isa 49:1-7	Psa 40:1-11	1 Cor 1:1-9	John 1:29-42a
Jan 25th	Isa 9:1-4	Psa 27:1-9 (10-14)	1 Cor 1:10-18	Matt 4:12-25

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



### **PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT**



(12/05/25) Pastor Scott playing Santa Clause and bringing gifts and the Word of God to children in Ukraine. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link.

**<https://SONetwork.org/give/>**

# BOTH CHURCHES

## OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

Liturgy includes the standard texts (e.g., the Kyrie, Creed, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, etc.) that have been handed down over the centuries. The liturgy provides a consistency to worship. One of the most important aspects of liturgical worship is repetition. Through weekly repetition of basic, Gospel-centered texts from Holy Scripture, we learn the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith. The liturgy and hymns serve as building blocks for a lifetime of receiving God's gifts through Word and Sacrament.

### Introduction to our worship...

- Is to receive God's gifts - His Word and holy Sacraments;
- Is Christ centered;
- Is a reflection of Lutheran theology;
- Is characterized by reverence and dignity;
- Seeks to edify Christ's holy people.

Each month, we will look at the different parts of the liturgy and discover why they are important to the church...

## BIBLE STUDY

**Trinity Lutheran** (Wed, 4 pm) – Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**Light of Christ** (Wed, 7 pm) – Jan 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

## CONFIRMATION

**Trinity Lutheran** (Wed, 6:00 – 7:30 pm) – Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**Light of Christ** (Thu, 6:30 – 8:00 pm) – Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

## COMMUNION

**Both Churches** – Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Not the 4<sup>th</sup>!

**SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500)

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## OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

### GATHERING:

Prelude Music  
Greeting  
Announcements  
Invocation  
Confession and Absolution  
Introit  
Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Kyrie Eleison  
Gloria In Excelsis  
Salutation  
Prayer of the Day

### GOD'S WORD:

First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
Hallelujah  
The Creed  
Sermon

### RESPONSE:

Hymn of the Day:  
Prayers of the Church  
Offering and Prayer

### COMMUNION:

Preface to Communion  
Propers  
Sanctus  
Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Agnus Dei  
Distribution  
Nunc Dimittis  
Thanksgiving

### SENDING:

Benediction  
Sending Hymn

## TRINITY LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!**

**TRINITY's Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)



### **BIRTHDAYS**

David Turnquist ..... 1/03  
Rylee Kirkland..... 1/10  
Paige Delaney ..... 1/19

Kathy James..... 1/20  
Becky Aasen ..... 1/28  
Jed Rider ..... 1/30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

None that we're aware of...

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.

**TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING** – Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**TLC ANNUAL MEETING** – Jan 25<sup>th</sup> following a shortened service. All committee reports need to be given to Pr. Kevin 1 week prior to the meeting!



## LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!**

Light Of Christ Website: [locw.org](http://locw.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)



### **BIRTHDAYS**

Seth Fenster ..... 1/04  
Kayla Fenster ..... 1/06  
Wendy Johnson..... 1/08  
Bev Quale ..... 1/11

Steve Ginther..... 1/18  
Zoey Haugen ..... 1/28  
Oliver Haugen..... 1/30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

None that we know of...

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**WOMEN OF LIFE MEETING** – Wed, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 pm.

All women of LOC are invited to come and join in.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING ED** - Thu, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Advanced Christian Caregiving – Part 4

**LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST** – Sat, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>!

Please come and invite a friend or two!

**PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE** - The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

## LOC SOUP MINISTRY!



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

## GREEN SERVICE GROUP (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Brian and Misty Beard  
Clint Chamberlin  
Bob and Dianne Cummings  
Seth and Kayla Fenster  
Wendy Johnson  
Josh and Erin Olson  
David Oyloe

Amber Park  
Lois Redka  
Rick and Linda Tofte  
Garry Tveter  
Al and Amanda Lake Family  
Carl and Rebecca Karvonen Family

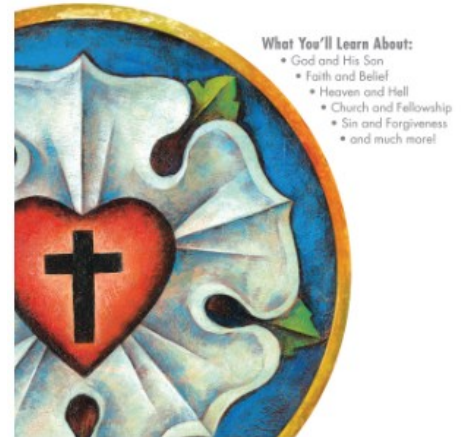
**LOC COUNCIL MEETING – Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:30 pm.

**LOC ANNUAL MEETING – Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** following a shortened service.  
All committee reports need to be given to Pr. Kevin 1 week prior to the meeting!

**LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights**  
**Jan 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 to 7:30 pm.**

What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique?  
Why is Lutheran worship different than that of other churches?  
*Lutheranism 101* will answer these questions in a way you can easily understand, whether Lutheranism is brand new to you, or you're simply wanting a refresher on what you learned years ago. We will study our teaching on God and His Son, faith and belief, heaven and hell, church and fellowship, and many other facets of Lutheran heritage and beliefs.

## Lutheranism 101 THE COURSE





**LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES**  
DEVOTION from  
**LHM.ORG**



*And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the Name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. (Luke 2:21)*

When Jesus was eight days old, it was time for Him to be named and circumcised. Every Jewish boy was circumcised as God commanded Abraham, to mark Him as someone who belonged to God and who lived under God's Law.

Circumcision was a ceremony that happened at home, though we don't know where Jesus and His parents were living at this point. I hope Joseph had found them somewhere more comfortable to stay—a house, perhaps, or even just a guest room with a relative! Certainly he was doing his best to keep both mother and Child well and happy.

But neither Joseph nor Mary could spare Jesus the pain that came with circumcision. This was God's command, and it had to be done—even to God-in-the-flesh Himself, Jesus our Savior. And so Jesus felt His first pain since birth, and shed His first blood. What a welcome to the Savior who would save His people through a painful, bloody death!

But if circumcision reminds us of pain, it also reminds us that Jesus has joined Himself to us and all God's people forever. He is on our side—the human side—and He bears the marks of it in His own body. Even now that He has risen from the dead, He continues to be ours, one of us. And where He goes we go—because Jesus has made us His own forever.

**WE PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for accepting pain for me and joining Yourself to us forever. Amen.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

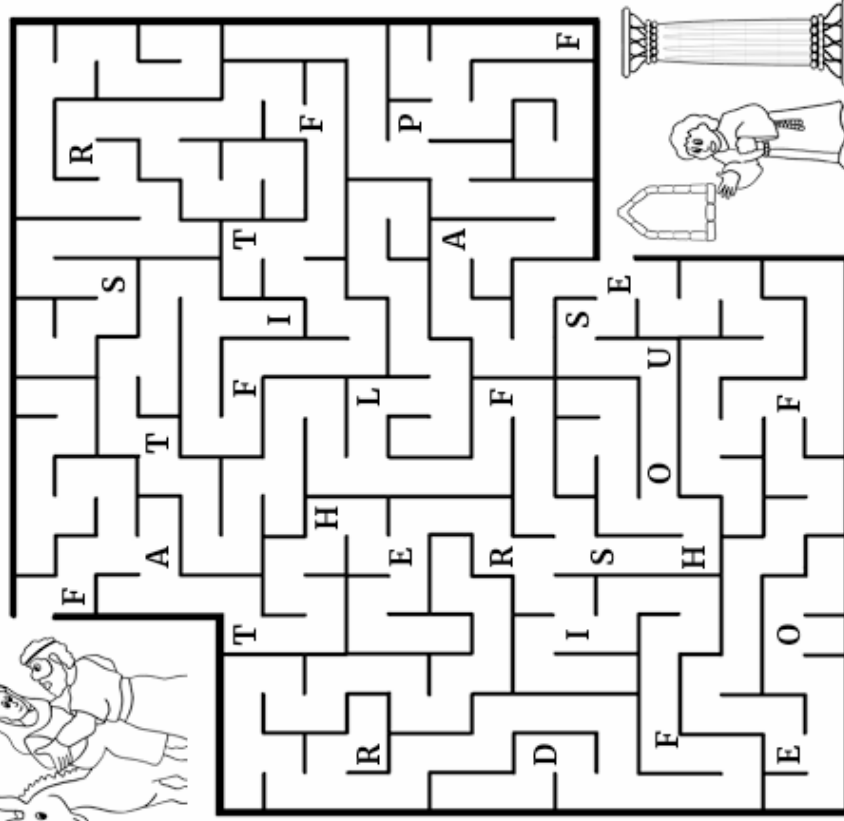
- Were you baptized as an infant?
- How are Baptism and circumcision similar? How are they different?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to go through all the same experiences we must go through, even the painful ones?

Advent Devotions were written by Dr. Kari Vo.

# Children's Worship Pages

Mary and Joseph are searching for young Jesus.

Lead them through the maze, picking up letter "clues" as you go, and writing the letters at the bottom of the page!



Where was Jesus all along? As he told his parents when they found him in the temple, he was in his:

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God told Solomon to "walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and commandments." Solomon later went on to write the book of Proverbs, which was full of wise advice.

Can you tell which of the following sayings is from the Ten Commandments, and which is from Proverbs? Write a "C" beside each commandment, and a "P" beside each proverb!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> P | "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "Honor your father and your mother."  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself."                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "You shall not steal."  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "The heart of a man plans his ways, but the Lord establishes his steps."            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "You shall have no other gods before me."   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart."       |

Hint: To figure out which of these phrases comes from the Ten Commandments, look in Exodus 20:1-17. All other sayings come from the book of Proverbs.



**Light of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.**

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight Ebel. Prayer was said by Pastor Kevin.

The following members were in attendance: Dwight Ebel, Kelly Klem, Matt Haugen, Wendy Johnson, Kayla Fenster, Amber Park and Pastor Kevin Beard.

A motion to accept the previous meetings minutes was made. Approved.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Beard advised that confirmation has started for the year and that he is having a real good time and that the kids are well behaved and that he has changed the curriculum. Bible study is well attended. Operation Christmas Child is ongoing and the church is a drop off for it again. Pastor advised that services and communion are going well and that he is enjoying them.

**Treasurers report:** Kelly advised that currently there is \$11,364.94 in checking with \$20,037.58 in savings. There was an additional \$100,000 added to the church's CD's this year. \$200,000 in CD's were recently renewed at rates around 3.5% versus the rates for last year which were closer to 4%. All expenses are inline. There was \$99,056 in construction in 2025 for the church. This was between the altar renovation and basement/daycare issues. Giving was down as well as royalty income due to oil prices being down. Building costs are up due to insurance as well as additional roof policy being purchased. There was a net income of \$7,300 for September to October, this was less than what was budgeted. The Church is ahead of expenses by \$39,000 year to date and about \$5,000 behind what was budgeted, but still in good shape.

A motion for an honorarium of \$600 for Luane and \$150 for Laura for being the church pianists for the year was made. Approved.

In 2025, \$23,944 is going out for charitable giving. \$8,450 still has to be paid out. \$26,000 was budgeted for. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2026 Budget:** The congregational annual giving amount estimate for 2026 was reduced from \$144,000 to \$135,000 reflecting lower giving amounts by the congregation in the current year (2025). Kelly advised that he adjusted the amounts given to some benevolences and added YNOP Radio. This is a change from the previous tentative 2026 budget. The property and liability insurance was increased in the budget due to the higher insurance as well. Motion passed.

**Sanctuary Christmas trees:** Two new "skinny" Christmas trees were purchased, one by the church, and one by the Women of Life with a cost of approximately \$180 per tree. The new trees will be lit once they are up and after Thanksgiving during December Women of Life meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Marriages/funerals** in the church: Pastor Beard would like to add to the church bylaws about the Light of Christ pastor being the officiant for anything done in the church including funerals and weddings of non-members. Pastor Beard will type something up and get it to the congregation prior to the annual meeting.

**Confirmation pictures:** Pastor Beard ordered new 8x10 frames for the photos of the confirmation classes. This will keep all the photos the same and get them up to date.

**Sanctuary lighting issue:** Larger "flood lights" are causing issues at the front of the sanctuary. These lights will be replaced and an anonymous member of the congregation has advised that they will take care of the bill.

**Annual meeting:** The Light of Christ annual meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The deadline for reports will be January 5<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with meal provided Dwight.