

Activities and Opportunities

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Today's Baptism

Owen Philip Campanella, son of Mike and Meredith Campanella

Hospital Patient

Connie Stieghan -202, Saint Francis Downtown

Welcome to worship at Trinity, a place of love, grace, and belonging where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated. If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

Contributions. Trinity is grateful for all the prayers, contributions, and displays of support from members, friends, and guests. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26 for Christmas.

Children's Worship Activity. Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave the worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

Faith Formation for Adults. An Advent series entitled *The Advent of Christ Within*, led by Josh Warner, former Trappist Monk and friend of Trinity, takes place each Sunday of Advent at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The series explores themes of ego and self within the gospels. The class ends in time for worship each Sunday.

New Communion Set. In an effort to further embrace Trinity's focus on welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, a new communion set has come into use. This communion set features split chalices, a larger portion for the wine and a smaller portion for grape juice. This change was made with love and mindfulness for God's beloveds in this community for whom alcohol is problematic. Offering both wine and grape juice allows more people to fully participate in the sacrament by receiving both the body and blood of Christ with discretion. Worshipers preferring to commune with wine may dip their wafer in the larger portion of the chalice and worshipers preferring to commune with grape juice may dip their wafer in the smaller portion of the chalice, trusting that both elements convey God's grace. Thank you for your grace and understanding as Trinity expands our communion practices in an effort to make space at the table of God's grace and love for more and more people.

Epiphany Prayer Intentions. In worship on Sunday, January 5 as Trinity observes the Second Sunday of Christmas and the Day of Epiphany, all worshippers will have an opportunity to select an Epiphany Prayer Intention. Paper stars containing various prayer intentions will be available for worshippers to select an intention that resonates with them or to select an intention at random to see how God might work in their lives through this intention. Paper stars will be available for the first few weeks of January in the worship space on Sundays and in the Church Office during the week. Please choose to participate in Trinity's life together by selecting a prayer intention.

The Preschool Playgroup will meet on Sunday, January 5 in the middle Pence Classroom (Room 204) following worship. A simple, kid-friendly lunch will be provided followed by an Epiphany themed activity and story. Children (birth through age 4) are invited to join us along with their parent(s) and siblings. This group has become a meaningful way for not only God's youngest children to bond, but also for parents of little ones to be in community together.

All young adults (20's and 30's ish!) are invited to gather in the Multipurpose Room for an Epiphany Celebration on Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a small wrapped hand-made gift or a purchased gift (under \$10) for the gift exchange. Reach out to Lara Wannemacher at larawannemacher@gmail.com or 864-630-5325 if you would like to attend.

Congregation Baptismal Event

Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to gather for a

Congregational Baptismal Celebration

Sunday, January 12, 2025

11:30 am

in the Multipurpose Room

Lunch will be provided
as well as activities to remember and celebrate
God's naming and claiming us as God's beloved, precious, baptized children.

Contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026 or ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws for
more information or to sign up for this event.

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Refreshments and Fellowship to follow on the front lawn

Tuesday, December 24

The Nativity of Our Lord/Christmas Eve

3:00 pm - Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
(Nursery provided)

5:30 pm - Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
(Nursery provided)

Sunday, December 29

First Sunday of Christmas

A Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
Refreshments and Fellowship on the front lawn

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas/Day of Epiphany

Worship at 10:00 am in the Gym

Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

