

First Sunday After Epiphany
January 9, 2022



The Baptism of Jesus

Church of the Holy Trinity
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The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein, Rector
The Rev. Samuel R. Boman, Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Verneda Kelly, Associate
The Rev. John Long, II, Deacon
The Rev. Dan B Coffman, Deacon
Loretta Love, Music Director & Organist
Nancy Youngman, Hand Bell Choir Director

Welcome to all worshippers today.

No matter where you come from or what you're going through

No matter what you believe or what you doubt

No matter what you feel or just don't feel today

No matter whom you love

You are welcome into this space to be met by a God

Who knows you by name, who knows your heart,

Who knows your mind, and

Who wants to have a relationship with you.

Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests @ 10:30

We are excited to offer a fully staffed Nursery for our smallest guests at the 10:30 am service. Feel free to entrust your children up to age 4 to our nursery staff. Then pick them up after the service.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude & Welcome

Processional Music

Children's Chapel: At the 10:30 service we will invite children through 5th grade to follow the cross out to children's chapel after the processional. They will rejoin us at the announcement time for communion.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:1-8 *Said responsively by whole verse*

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴*The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸*The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

⁹And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰*The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Nicene Creed

(Please stand)

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.*

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, cast your eyes of mercy on your people who entrust their prayers to you, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

For the light of Christ that never fades away, that it may shine through our words and actions, revealing the saving grace of the Anointed One; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

That the leaders and peoples of every nation may be willing to pay the price of peace through compromise, compassion, humility, and forbearance; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For an increase in vocations to the Religious Communities of our Church, that we may continue to be guided by their life of prayer and sacrificial works; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For relief for those who live with debilitating anxiety, and to those who bear the scars of poverty and emotional desolation, that they may experience the fruits of your eternal and holy presence; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

In thanksgiving for our sacred fellowship with Christ, may we move from strength to strength in our spiritual life so that its fruits may flow into our workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For the baptized who have entered into their eternal rest, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that our Eternal Judge will look kindly on their souls; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

That the true light that enlightens even the far reaches of the universe and the deep recesses of the sea, will open our eyes to the beauty of creation and encourage us to be good stewards of its bountiful gifts; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign now and forever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin *All kneel if able.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,*

*known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace *(please greet each other SAFELY)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements & Celebrations

Offertory Special Music

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death,

resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Follow the directions to come forward. If you would like
communion brought to you, please inform the ushers.*

*There will be two stations from which to receive. The side
station will have wafers ONLY. The center station will be the
small wine/wafer packs. You may take the pack to your pew
and commune there. Dispose of the empty pack in the small
dish in your pew.*

The Closing Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Music

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the power of the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude



*Our worship is ended:
Our service begins*



*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of
God and in memory of Adrian Goltl
by Helen Goltl*



Serving Today



Greeter/Ushers 8am

Mary & Wade Graft
Roxane Graham
Gina Fountain

Lectors 8am

Bob Hillyer
Nancy Coffman

Altar Guild

Karla Bahm
Roxane Graham

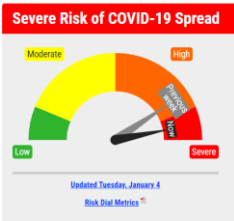
Greeter/Ushers 10:30am

Sally Bates
John Streedbeck
Cheryl Hejl
Vivian & Terry Edwards

Lectors 10:30am

John Andrews
Peter Sewell

Coffee Hour Postponed Until We're NOT in the Red Zone



We'd love to sit and visit with you over coffee, but we can't do that until we can ensure that ALL of our people are safe to sit and sip without masks. We've just moved into the "Red Zone" and will wait until we begin to come back down.

Please pick up your 2021 Statements in the Foyer



This week at Holy Trinity

Sun Jan 9, 2022

8am Holy Eucharist
~~9:15am Fellows Program (M)~~
9:15am Sunday School (U)
10:30am Children's Chapel
10:30am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Online Live Service
1:30pm Dinka Worship

Mon Jan 10, 2022

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
9:30am PEO (private) (M)
6:15pm Heartland exercise (CH)
7:00pm Vestry (MR)

Tue Jan 11, 2022

6:15pm Heartland exercise (CH)
8pm Tues AA (B)

Wed Jan 12, 2022

9am Bible Study (F)
9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
12pm Al Anon (M)
6pm Bell Practice (BR)
6:15pm Heartland exercise (CH)

Thu Jan 13, 2022

12pm Thursday AA (B)
2:45pm EFM (M)
6:15pm Heartland exercise (CH)

Fri Jan 14, 2022

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
7:30pm Friday night AA (B)

Sat Jan 15, 2022

9am DOK (MR)

Sun Jan 16, 2022

8am Holy Eucharist
9:15am Fellows Program (M)
9:15am Sunday School (U)
10:30am Children's Chapel
10:30am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Online Live Service
1:30pm Dinka Language
Worship

Holy Trinity Announcements



Annual Meeting of the Parish

**Sunday, Jan 30,
2022 at 9:15 am
In the Parish Hall**

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022

8:00 Worship Service

9:15 Annual Mtg.

10:30 Worship Service

PLEASE NOTE —

We ARE Having 2 Worship Services that Sunday

We are still in a season of high COVID case counts. Yet, we want to be able to meet In-person this year. So we will be making a few adaptations this year.

1. We will have two services on January 30th at the usual times.
2. Our annual meeting will be held during the usual Sunday School hour between the services. We will start at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. This will allow people from both services to participate if they desire. There will be Sunday School for grades K-5 in the Undercroft at that time. The Nursery will be staffed as well.
3. We will be serving drinks, light breakfast snacks and finger foods during the meeting. Case count levels still restrict our ability to congregate and serve food without social distancing.

We will be reviewing our Annual Report for 2021 and electing new vestry and delegates for the new year.

NOTE: If you are interested in serving on the vestry or as a delegate please do let Nicole know at the church office.

Amahl Was a HIT!

Thanks to ALL Who Helped Make It Happen!

On January 2, 2022, kings, pages, sheep, camels, shepherds, Amahl and his mother took over the sanctuary. Trees were twinkling, candles were flickering and a bright eastern star was shining way above the altar.



This all started with an idea from one person who loved the Opera and story of Amahl and The Night Visitors. Thank you, Nancy Stara, for sharing your love of this story with the rest of us at Holy Trinity. After many months of planning, building props, and refurbishing old costumes the program, Amahl and The Three Kings, began to take shape.



Then there were the weeks of rehearsing with the children acting out their parts, the narrators reading and rereading their scripts and the musicians and soloist practicing. The music was absolutely fabulous!

The children were wonderful. I couldn't be more proud. I can't stop smiling.





Over 130 people attended. Many visiting with us for the first time. They enjoyed wrapped Eileen's Cookies (our version of a Covid friendly reception) and the cast received a little thank you gift.

So many people worked to make this happen; from cooking a lunch before dress rehearsal, helping the kids get in their costumes, herding the shepherds, lining up the kings, making a camel quilt so we'd have three camels, shopping for gifts for the cast, ushers greeting everyone at the doors, teaching the narrators how to use the mics and a very brave soul getting on a very high ladder to hang the star. Thank you all. I feel like this whole project was a "God thing". What a blessing and a gift this evening was!

-Jane Janesch



Church of the Holy Trinity

Fellows Program

**Adult Sunday School
Starting January 16**

“Church History: Through the Eyes of Saints”

My favorite class in Seminary was “Church History.” One reason I liked it was hearing stories of how God was at work over 2,000 years to get us to NOW. The other was the profound impact it had on my faith. God has been at work for all that time. God isn’t surprised at the rise and fall of nations and empires. God has seen it ALL before, and God still works with it for our good. It put things into perspective.

Join us at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall.

-or-

Join us on ZOOM, Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 pm

**New
Location!**

Link on our website homepage in the “Latest NEW” box at the top right. www.holytrinitylincoln.com.

Souper Bowl of Caring is BACK!

February 13, 2022

The Super Bowl is Sunday, February 13th. The play offs are getting ready to begin. Which teams will represent the AFC/NFC? This will be decided soon.

We are a
Church that
BLESSES
Others!



The Souper Bowl of caring for Matt Talbott outreach and mission to the homeless will be the same day.

You will see a table set up in the Foyer. Please bring soup, crackers and other non-perishables and place them there. Pick the team you like the best. If you like, place them there as a member of the Holy Trinity team (which is the Best). All donated food will be taken to Matt Talbott after February 13th.

Bishop Barker Coming to Holy Trinity for Confirmations – MAY 8th

Confirmation is a milestone on our spiritual journey. It's also a chance to reconfirm the faith that God is growing within us.

Confirmation

In May, our bishop will be with us to confirm youth and adults who would like to make that public statement of faith. If you think you'd like to be confirmed please do let me know. If your child – 6th grade or over – has not yet been confirmed then please send me an email at ClayLein@gmail.com I will be leading a Youth Confirmation Class starting in Lent. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

A GOOD Habit for 2022...

Connecting to GOD Daily!

If you've been looking for a way to start each day focused on God and his promises to you, then

consider St. Mark's Daily Devotions. The four Episcopal churches in Lincoln have joined together to create a daily devotional video. It's not much more than a couple minutes and it contains reflections on how that day's reading intersects with my life. It could be a great new habit to cultivate in your life.

- Email Nicole to let her know you want to start receiving the daily email: HolyTrinity10@Yahoo.com

You can also watch for a link to a sample devotional from the past month in this week's email. Or go to our home page in the "Latest News" box click on the link that says:

Episcopal Daily Devotion Video Sample



Daughters of the King
Every 3rd Saturday of the month,
9:00 am January 15th, 2022
In the Memorial Room

To all Daughters of the King and any interested ladies, contact Mary Lu Long 402-429-1021 with any questions.

The Nook is in need of contributions. If you have anything you would like to donate, you may place them in the Gathering Basket outside the door. Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Any questions, please contact Nancy Machmer namach2020@gmail.com or 618-704-4231.





In Our Prayers This Week

Erllys L.; Nancy E.; Kathy E.; Marilyn D.; Shawn; Will; Jessica; Amy W.; Matthew L.; Parker D.; Deborah, Mike L. & Jennifer; Jennifer A; JoAnn G.; Will S. & Family; Dee; Danny L; Marilyn D; Jim D.; Travis; Sharon H; Mary & Sarah; Vicky W.; Deborah and Linus P.; Craig and Linda G.; Stan L.; Jon A.; Donald N.; Mark; Pat, Teresa, and Matthew; Florence and Dick M.; Theresa H.; Tom and Abby J.; Luke B.; Marlene P.; Shane P.; Elliott W.; Brenda W.; Julie B.; Darlene B.; Ama; Russell J.; Dave S.; Ellen S.; Tara; Bobbie; Tom; J.R.B.; Catherine; Pam; Katie; Jackie H.; Pat J; Nancy D.; Michaela; Marge T; Reed F; Carol C.; Barb; Abbie, Dow C; those experiencing loneliness; James V.; Edith H.; Jane B.; Mary & Sarah; Linda Mc; Ellen S.; Sarah, B.; Ann Gasper; Linda & her family; all those suffering from Covid-19; Michelle; Carolyn K & Mary Catherine; Betsy & Don; Mike & Beth; Suzanne M.; Lori; Jan H.; Diane S.; Catherine; Ann D.; Larry B.; Eddie K.; Don M. & Jenny; Dennis; Mike; Susie; Kris.; Darlene B; Mike & Beth.; Ellie; Lee H; Will; Pastor Tim B.; Mary P.; Mary L; Ann W.; Glenda H.; Ann H.; Anne G.; Janet G.

In Thanksgiving we pray for January Birthdays: 1st Abraham Atem Akech; 1st Jacob Manyang, 3rd Kaitlyn Dostal, 3rd Judy Tenney, 10th Kaeden Meyer, 14th Jann Horeis, 17th Mary Jo Tietjen, 19th Terry Edwards, 25th Ann Hudson, 27th Wyatt Wallesen, 28th Dana Visger, 30th George McCabe.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for: St. Andrew's, Omaha
The Rev. John Schaefer, The Rev. Robert Gross VIR Retreat

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Prayer Chain Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain are always welcome. Our plan is to include them on our list for a total of four weeks unless more time and prayer are needed, and we certainly understand that is sometimes the case. Please keep us updated concerning those for whom you request prayers by contacting Marilyn Dorf at (402) 489-3104 or marilyndorf@gmail.com or the church office holytrinity10@yahoo.com or 402-488-7139