

*Pr. Diane is on vacation through January 6th. She will return on Wednesday, Jan. 7th.*



**This Week @ TLC:**

Today, January 4th: **Second Sunday of Christmas**

No Sunday School

**10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion**

**11 a.m.** Coffee fellowship (*Thanks for hosting, Michelle & Jerry Dahl!*)

Tues., Jan. 6th/Epiphany: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study @ TLC

Wed., Jan. 7th: **9 a.m.** Quilters     **3:30-5 p.m.** Kids Club @ Faith Luth.

**6:30-8 p.m.** Confirmation class @ OSLC (gr. 7-9)

Thurs., Jan. 8th: **1 p.m.** Worship Cmte   **4:45 p.m.** Christian Ed mtg

Next Sunday, Jan. 11th: **Baptism of Our Lord**

**9 a.m.** Sunday School

**10 a.m. Worship**

**10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe (*free-will offering proceeds benefit an orphanage in Shell, Ecuador*)



**Coming up:**

Tues., Jan. 13th: **6:30 p.m.** Church Council

Thurs., Jan. 15th: **5 p.m.** Stewardship Cmte meeting

Sun., Jan. 18th: **3 p.m.** Prayers for Christian Unity @ St. Raphael Chapel

Sun., Jan. 25th: **TLC Annual Meeting after 10 a.m. Worship;**  
**potluck after the meeting. Bring a favorite food dish to share!**



For those that gave a monetary donation towards a poinsettia, or brought your own plant to the church, please feel free to bring a plant home today.

**Bus rides for APOC!**

Trinity is gathering donations to purchase transit bus tickets for the clients of Abused Person Outreach Center (APOC). You are invited to take a paper bus from the tree, attach your donation, and place it in the offering plate. Each book of 10 tickets costs \$20, but all contributions are welcome. Donations will be received through Jan. 11th. Thank you for your support!



# GATHERING TO WORSHIP

January 4, 2026 - 10 a.m.

## Second Sunday of Christmas

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us...” John 1:14*



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a "Welcome" bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God's grace and love.*

**\*Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

### GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "God, Whose Almighty Word" #673 ELW  
**\*Apostolic Greeting** C: And also with you. p. 147ELW  
**\*Kyrie** p.147-148 ELW  
**\*Canticle of Praise:** "This is the Feast..." p. 149-150 ELW  
**\*Prayer of the Day** (Today's Readings insert)

### WORD

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-14  
**Responsive Psalm Reading:** Psalm 147:12-20  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14  
**\*Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia" p. 151 ELW  
**\*Gospel Reading:** John 1:1-18  
**\*Responses:** "Glory to you, O LORD"/"Praise to you, O Christ."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815 ELW

**\*Apostles' Creed** p. 105 ELW

**Prayer Song:** (last verse of "Away in a Manger")

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**Prayers of Intercession** (L: Hear us, O God, C: your mercy is great.)

### MEAL

**Our Tithes/Offerings to God**


**\*Offertory Hymn:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188 ELW

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** p. 152-153 ELW

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail**

 *All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness.*

*Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.*

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Blessing** C: Amen!

**\*Sending Hymn:** "As with Gladness Men of Old" #302 ELW

**\*P:** Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**In our Thoughts & Prayers:** Fam/Friends of Don "Doc" Thompson (12/31 funeral @ TLC), Family of Harrison James Flemmer (died 12/28; baby boy of Carter & Katrina Flemmer; grandson of Stan & Ginger Flemmer); Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Carol Boucher (Linda Westby's sis), Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Nicole Wieser; Eastern ND Synod Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth; ELCA Bishop Yehiel Curry; Peace

**"Trinity Family" to pray for this week:** Cody & Taylor Carlblom (Landon, Jensen, Millie), Bill & Michelle Carlblom

**Our "THANKS!" to those who serve today:**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Randy Schlecht **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson

**Greeter:** Ben Johnson **Acolyte:** Mercer Boom

**Scripture reader:** Rochelle Triebold **Ushers:** Korbyn Boom family

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