

**January 5, 2025**

## **An Explanation of Our Communion Practice**

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is a wonderful gift from our gracious God. In his Word, God teaches that Christians need a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper before receiving it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). He also tells us that Christians should be completely united before communing together (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we ask that only members of our fellowship (The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and, worldwide, The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference) commune at Trinity.

We do want everyone to commune with us. So that everything may be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40), we ask for the opportunity to verify that we are united in our beliefs based on God's Word, and then to celebrate that unity publicly in the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more, please speak to Pastor. Thank you for your understanding of our belief and practice.





# The Second Sunday After Christmas

**January 5, 2025**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

## **Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** God perfectly keeps saving promises. Our worship follows *The Common Service*.

# WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 260, Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing  
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,  
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks-giv - ing:



As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

Stand

## INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



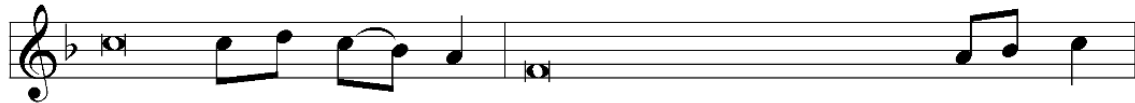
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

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sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Be Seated*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

### Genesis 17: 1-7

*The Lord reaffirms his gracious covenant to Abra(ha)m, who becomes the father of all who believe. (“Abram” means “exalted father”; “Abraham” means “father of multitudes.”)*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless. 2 I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make your descendants very numerous.”

3 Abram fell on his face. God spoke with him. He said, 4 “As for me, this is my covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. 5 Your name will not be Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a large group of nations. 6 I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will produce nations from you. Kings will come out of you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you as an everlasting covenant throughout their generations. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: 148

*Read responsively*

M: Praise the LORD from the heavens,

**C: praise him in the heights above.**

M: Praise him, all his angels,

**C: praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

M: Praise him, sun and moon,

**C: praise him, all you shining stars.**

M: Praise the LORD from the earth,

**C: lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

M: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**C: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

M: kings of the earth and all rulers of the earth,

**C: young men and maidens, old men and children.**

M: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

**C: for his splendor is above the earth and heavens.**

## SECOND LESSON

### Galatians 4:4-7

*Jesus, both God and man, came at just the right time to stand under the law of God perfectly, in order to redeem those who had failed in sin. Through his work on our behalf, God adopts as his eternal heirs.*

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia! (*Psalm 98:3b*)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### Luke 1:68-79

M: The Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 1.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people.  
<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets.  
<sup>71</sup> He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,  
<sup>72</sup> in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath which he swore to Abraham our father,  
<sup>74</sup> to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies,  
so that we are able to serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,  
because you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give his people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of God's tender mercies,  
by which the Rising Sun from on high will visit us,  
<sup>79</sup> to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## **NICENE CREED**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**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,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Be Seated*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON: Zechariah's Song**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: 36, A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and might - y won - der, A  
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And  
 3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those  
 4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By  
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an  
 yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing  
 bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - jice, O vales and  
 all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in  
 Sa - tan's ly - ing cease, And Christ shall raise his



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.  
 an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
 moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
 Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
 scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

*Refrain*



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men."

Text: Germanus, c. 634-734; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

## SERMON

**Text:** Luke 1:68-79

**Theme:** God is Worth Believing

*Stand*

## CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men."

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## OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

M: Guard the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

M: Give us zeal to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth, you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in G minor (one flat) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this (+) is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes or bar lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Be Seated*

**DISTRIBUTION**

# HYMN: 372, I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry  
4 I long to be like Je - sus: Meek, lov - ing,



Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From  
dwells in him. He heals all my dis - eas - es; My  
soul of mine. His right hand me em - brac - es; I  
low - ly, mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The



the ac - curs - ed load. I bring my guilt to Je - sus  
soul he does re - deem. I lay my griefs on Je - sus,  
in his arms re - cline. I love the name of Je - sus,  
Fa - ther's ho - ly child. I long to be with Je - sus



To wash my crim - son stains White in his  
My bur - dens and my cares; He from them  
Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord; Like fra - grance  
A - mid the heav'n - ly throng To sing with



blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.  
saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.  
Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76.

*Stand*



## SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

CLOSING HYMN: 471, Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin; From all im -  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly you may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
pure - ness make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and  
I o - bey your Word. Oh, let your will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold you



light of grace That is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
strength, my God, To strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.  
my de - sire And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

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### **Women's Bible Study - January 11**

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will not meet during the month of December. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We'll be discussing chapter four of "Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success" by Sharla Fritz. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at [erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com).

### **Wine and Word Bible Study – January 16**

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **Trinity's Book Club – January 18**

Trinity's Book club will meet at 9:30am on Saturday, January 18, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. Please join us to discuss *An Hour Unspent* by Roseanna M. White and to choose our next read! New members are always welcome.

**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

### **Small Choir**

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

### **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

### **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## **Meet the Newborn Jesus, Your Savior**

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20240105/>

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.

There was also a prophet, Anna... She was very old... Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:22,25-28,36,38

When babies are born, we love to show them off. We're so happy to be blessed with a child that we want everyone to see it. Maybe we post pictures online. We have friends and families over to visit. We take the child out to meet people.

When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him out, too. They took him to the temple to show him to God. There was a law in the Old Testament that when a baby was born, his parents needed to offer a "sacrifice of purification." It was a way of saying "thank you" to God for the baby, and a way of showing that God's love washed away that baby's sin and made him part of God's family. Since we're all born in sin, God commanded that every parent do this for their child. Maybe it seems like a "little detail" that Mary and Joseph did this for Jesus, but it's not. Jesus came to save us from our sins by obeying God's laws perfectly (since you and I haven't!), and by suffering the punishment that sins earn by suffering hell in our place (so that you and I don't need to). From the very beginning of his life as his parents brought him to the temple, Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly. How God must have rejoiced to see that!

While Mary and Joseph were at the temple, God made sure to show Jesus to other people. This wasn't just showing off a beautiful new baby. This was showing the world its savior. Two people at the temple—a believer named Simeon and an old prophet named Anna—were so happy to see Jesus, too. The Holy Spirit let them know that this was the Savior at the very beginning of his work. They praised God for the peace he brought to them, and they told other people about the wonderful gift God had given the world.

At Christmas, we got to "meet baby Jesus" and be amazed all over again. We are so happy to see our Savior who came to bring us peace. Now let's take our happiness and share this Savior with others!

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## Questions to Consider:

Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus when he was a baby?

How did Simeon and Anna respond when they saw him?

The Bible doesn't tell us anything about Simeon's age, but people often assume he was a very old man.

Why do you think they assume that?

After Anna saw Jesus and gave thanks to God, what did she do next?

Simeon said something strange to Mary, that "a sword" would "pierce" Mary's soul, because of Jesus.

When do you think that happened?

From the very beginning of his life, Jesus was following all of God's law. Why was it so important he kept God's law perfectly?

**It is the mission of**



**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.