

Festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord January 7-8, 2012

5:00 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m.

*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to be a loving
Christ-centered community actively reaching out to all people.*

As We Gather

By the shining of a star, eastern sages were led to the toddler Christ Jesus who would be the Savior of the world, taming the tongues of Pharisees, healing, and resurrecting the dead. Jesus Himself by Word and deed illuminates the lives of Gentiles and Jews because He was and is the Son of God. In the world today, neighborhoods, communities, cities, and entire cultures need to be illuminated with the mystery of the incarnate Christ. We, who by the Holy Spirit possess faith, need to proclaim winsomely the Gospel and the forgiveness that comes through knowing Christ. Christ is the Light that dispels darkness, temporally and eternally! We who gather on this day have received the forgiveness of our sins through the light of Christ's Gospel. This alone makes us grateful saints---wise men, women, and children who by the intervention of Father, Son, and Spirit are blessed to know Jesus.

Sunday School Opening (10:00)

Welcome

We welcome you to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church, a historic parish serving today's people. We pray that your worship experience will bring you closer to God's love in Jesus Christ and equip you for living out your faith life in Him. Visitors and regular attendees are reminded that there is a nursery on Sunday from 10:00-11:30a.m. for infants -3 years of age. The nursery is staffed by adults and located in the parish house, attached to the sanctuary. Sunday school occurs during the service in the parish house for children 3-10 years old. Sunday school children will then join back in the service before celebrating the Lord's Supper. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery and Sunday school. Hearing assistance is also provided for those who need it. See an usher or the sound board operator for help. Prayer Request Forms are attached to bulletin. If you would like a prayer spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow card and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 72

Pastor: Endow the king with Your justice, O God, the royal Son with Your righteousness.

Men: He will judge Your people in righteousness, Your afflicted ones with justice.

Women: The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

Men: He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; He will crush the oppressor.

Women: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

All: He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

Pastor: In His days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

Men: He will rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Women: All kings will bow down to Him and all nations will serve Him.

Men: For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

Women: He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

All: He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight.

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

All: Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,

“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,

This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Prayer Of The Day

Pastor: O God, by the leading of a star You once made known to all nations Your only-begotten Son; now lead us, who know You by faith, to know in heaven the fullness of Your divine goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Father in heaven, once You led Wise Men by a shining light to find the Light of the world! We pray You would lead us to see the same Light, that we may rejoice in the gift of Your Son which You have given to us. Enable us to see with clarity and assurance the forgiveness of sins we have in Him; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises

upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD .

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

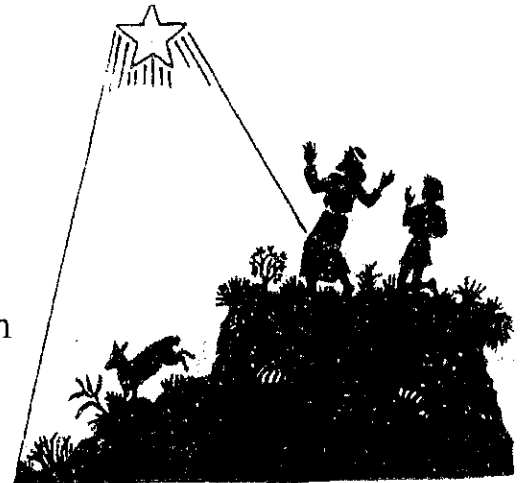
People: Thanks be to God.

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King
And Gentiles to His crib to bring.

True spake the prophet from afar
Who told the rise of Jacob's star,
And Eastern sages with amaze
Upon the wondrous sign did gaze.

The guiding star above is bright;
Within them shines a clearer light
And leads them on with power benign
To seek the Giver of the sign.

O Jesus, while the star of grace
Impels on us to seek Thy face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse
The guidance of Thy light to use.



Charles Coffin (1676---1749); trans. Edward Thring (1821---87), alt. Public domain.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:2-12

²Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

⁵which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

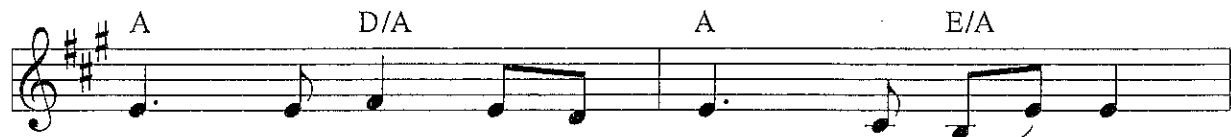
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
 Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
 hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the
 na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,
 Lord, and let there be light!

<i>To stanzas</i>	<i>Last time</i>
E/A D/A	A



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,



Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's

chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶”“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.” ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

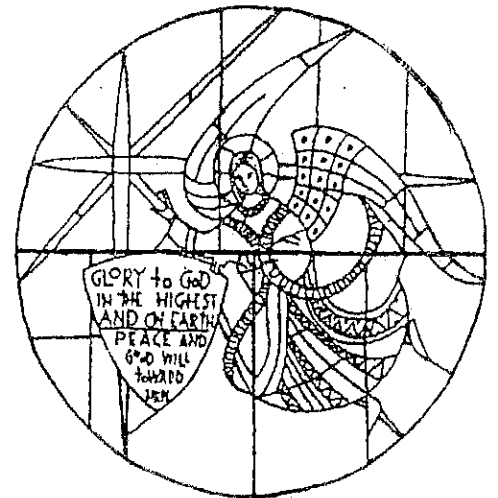
Sermon

Christmas Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Announced by the angels
Worshipped by the shepherds
Adored by the Wise Men
Who lived to suffer, die, and rise,
To free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas
And by whose continuous works in my heart
I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ
The treasures of my love;
And live under Him as my King, both now and forever. Amen. 9**



Gathering of Tithes and Offerings (10:15)

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all those who live in sin, strife, and unbelief. We ask that You would ignite in us an earnest desire to permeate their lives with the Light of Christ through faithful words and actions. May we bring to them Your prevailing Gospel, that their darkened hearts may be lightened with the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we ask for Your strength and healing for those who are sick and recovering from illness this day, especially...Enable them to know that You are present with them as they endure the hardship of injury or disease. Grant physicians, nurses and all caregivers the wisdom and insight to be effective in providing solace, comfort, and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, bless those who celebrate this day, especially....enable us to treasure each other as unique gifts. Bless us as we share Your love with all and use us as emissaries of Your compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as we enter the season of Epiphany, reveal Yourself to us according to Your Word that unveils Your divine nature in mighty words and miraculous deeds. So also You generously bless the Church with Baptism and Communion that we may know Your presence among us in water, wine, and bread. Increase our joy as the people of God as we are blessed with the gifts of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

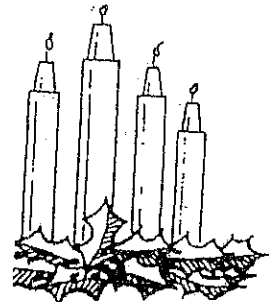
Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.



Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Gathered here in the name of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are struck with the harsh realization that we are sinful and in need of forgiveness. The light of God's holiness shines on us in Word and Sacraments. In the presence of God, we are unable to conceal our sinfulness. But by the grace of our God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord grants us forgiveness in His shed blood. Let us therefore confess our sins and hear His promised word of forgiveness.

People: **Father in heaven, I am a penitent sinner. I come before You guilty of sin in thought, word, and deed, deserving only punishment, but I heartily repent of my sin asking for Your forgiveness in and through Jesus Christ. Cleanse me of my sin and strengthen me to trust solely in the cross of Calvary that Christ's light and life may shine into my heart, granting me the assurance of life eternal. Amen.**

Pastor: Take heart, God hears your confession. He promises to cleanse us from all unrighteousness when we approach Him with genuinely repentant hearts and minds, believing in Christ as Lord and Savior. Hear now the Word of God. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord,

People: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give

thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C C/E F Dm⁷ C/E

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your

C C/E G⁷ G⁷/B C C/E

name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, how ma -

F Dm⁷ C/E C C/E G⁷ G⁷/B C

jes - tic is your name in all the earth! O

F Dm⁷ G Am⁷ G⁷/B C C/E F

Lord, we praise your name. O Lord,

Dm⁷ G Am⁷ G⁷/B C B B/D# Em D D/F#

we mag - ni - fy your name, Prince of Peace, might - y

G G⁷/F C/E F G⁷_{sus} G⁷ C

God, O Lord God Al - might 12 - y.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Agnus Dei

Here I receive forgiveness true,
Bread, wine---the feast of Christ our Lord.
And by these gifts You calm sin's strife,
By grace and mercy God grants life.



Distribution

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;

So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
 There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: From the darkness of sin we have been led by the light to see and know the forgiveness of our sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Father in heaven, we thank and praise You for the gift of Your Son as He has come to us in His body and blood. May we be strengthened in our faith and trust in You alone as our God. May the light of Christ in us shine forth into the world as we live our faith for all to see. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

**And I depart from my dear Lord,
 Into the world that knows Him not.
 I go to speak---His Word make known,
 To all the world His love be shown.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Postlude



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

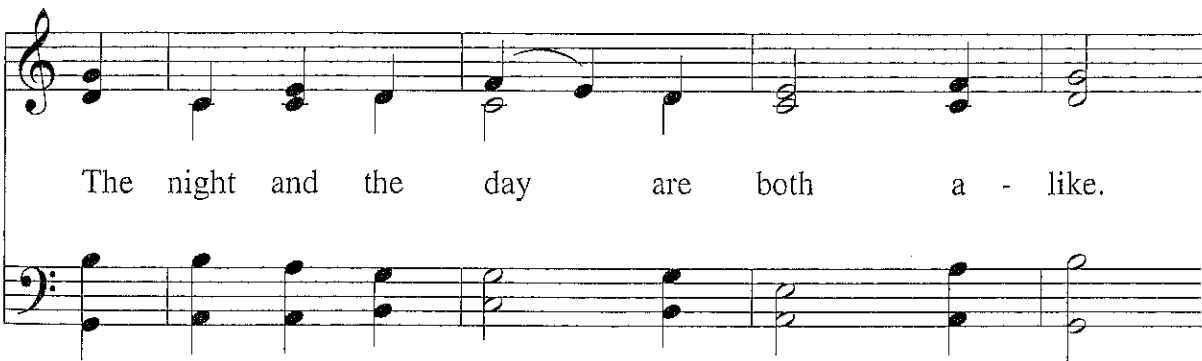
God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



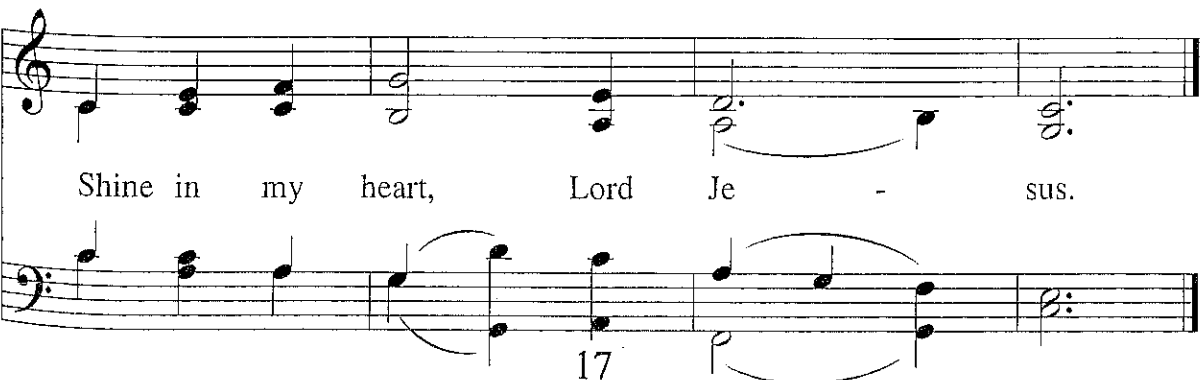
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Worship Leaders

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. David B. Marth, Pastor
Lectors: Audrey Vanderbles (5:00)
Neal A. Orabka (8:45)
Grace and Doug Dick (10:15)
Organists: Jim Munden (5:00)
Wes Kassulke, Director of Music (10:15)
Pianist: Linda Taff (8:45)
Crucifer: Jessica Carson
Acolyte: Annie Castro
Greeter: Megan Payne

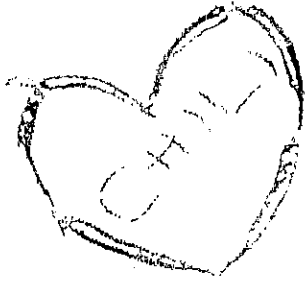
PRAYERS – Please remember the following in prayer this week:

those celebrating their birthdays – Nancy Colbert (1/8), Mary Zucker (1/8),
Phyllis Bello (1/9), Suzy Buchholz (1/9), Lois Freese (1/9), Christine Moss (1/9),
Drewes Verseman (1/9), Carol Freund (1/10), Ava Perry (1/10),
Dorothea Wolfgram (1/10), Carson Heller (1/12), Drew Beckley (1/14),
Claire Houck (1/14) and Craig Moeller (1/14);
those in the Trinity family for whom we give thanks – Nancy Adams; Pat Adams;
Carl Anderson; Josh, Jessica, Caleb and Miriam Anderson; Jackie Appelt;
Matt and Rebecca Armentrout; Martha and Carl Arnold, Sr.;
those who are ill, hospitalized or shut-in, especially Pastor Dave who undergoes
surgery on Monday.

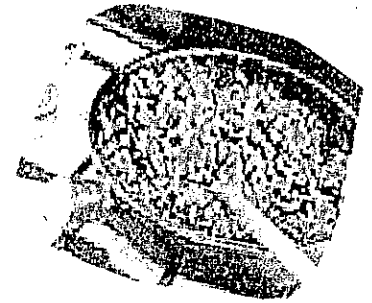
CD copies of weekend worship services are available FREE by calling the Church Office.
Allow a few days for mailing delivery.

FLOWERS – If you would like to place one or two floral arrangements on the altar on a
given weekend during 2012, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the back of the
sanctuary. Cost is \$22.50 per bouquet.

EXTRA COPIES of the monthly calendar, January worship leaders and Pastor Dave's
letter to the congregation are on the back table.



SOCIAL HOUR
TRINITY PARISH HOUSE
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6 – 7 PM



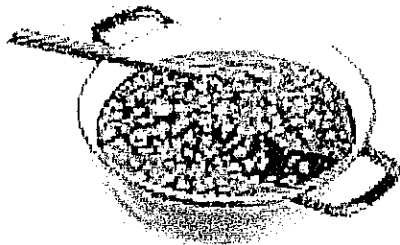
TRINITY'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

TRINITY SCHOOL HALL

1809 SO. 8th STREET

7 – 8 PM



Is your chili mild, spicy, red or white ?

See who wins THE BRAGGIN' RIGHTS!!!

TO register use sign-up sheet in the back of the church

Or

Contact Theresa @ 314-640-0973

theresagsimpson@yahoo.com



This Week at Trinity
January 8-14, 2012

Sunday	Youth Confirmation Class	8:30 a.m.
	Morning Eucharist	8:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Morning Eucharist	10:15 a.m.
	VintageTen Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Undecorating the Sanctuary	11:45 a.m.
Tuesday	Board of Fellowship Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Morning Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
	Bell Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
	Evening Bible Class	7:00 p.m.
	Women's Bible Class	7:15 p.m.
Friday	Chili Cookoff and Social Hour	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Evening Eucharist	5:00 p.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you did not receive a 2012 offering envelope packet, please contact Barb at the Church Office and one will be mailed to you.

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