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**We Welcome YOU to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford
January 12, 2025 NEWSLETTER**



Holy Communion – The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

We, Lutherans, believe and teach that in this precious meal we receive is not only the bread and wine, but also Christ's true Body and true Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Proper spiritual preparation is necessary to rightly receive this sacrament. Please read the Communion policy card in the bookrack of your pew.



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD / FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

This week's Bible Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:12-22

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “*When all the people were baptized,*” Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “*when you pass through the waters,*” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “*might walk in newness of life*” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

Please see below Bible Verses and (Luther's Small Catechism, p. 24) that might be used during the Sermon-Meditation on Sunday, January 12, 2025. I encourage you to read, study, and meditate on these Bible Verses.

In Romans 6:4, Paul talks about **Baptism** in such a way that it is a Gift of Our Lord Jesus to us through His Death and Resurrection

What does this mean? We will reflect and meditate on the following verses:

- Genesis 3:15
- John 10:18

- Philippians 8:5-11
- Romans 3:23

- Isaiah 64:6
- Galatians 3:13

- Romans 8:1
- Galatians 2:20

What does such Baptizing with water indicate? (Small Catechism, p. 24)

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contribution and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Announcements

Important Update: 2025 Offering Envelopes Have Arrived!

We're excited to let you know that your **2025 Offering** now ready for pickup! Please note the following important



Envelopes are changes:

1. **Envelope Numbers Reassigned** – Any number **above 70** has been **renumbered** and will now be **below 70**.
2. **New Envelope Color** – To help you easily spot these updates, your new envelopes will be printed on **blue paper**.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Trithardt at 604-583-9412 or strithardt@shaw.ca.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
SEW AND SEWS

ARE YOU
a New Visitor to Trinity Lutheran Church?
Please sign our **“Guest Book”** on the Narthex table.



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Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed
Please make arrangements in advance should you require access to the church outside of posted hours. Thank you
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