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**We Welcome YOU to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford
January 26, 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.



Please be attentive to the ushers. They will guide you to come forward to receive the Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER ~ THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

This week's Bible Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 1:21–28

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 2:14–18

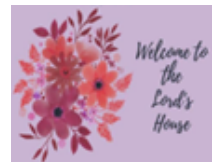
HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22–32 (33–40)

God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. *"As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD"* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *"destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery"* (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *"in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and *"depart in peace"* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

ARE YOU a New Visitor to Trinity Lutheran Church?

Please sign our "Guest Book" on the Narthex table.



Announcements

SEWING FOR MISSIONS

SEW AND SEWS *continues* at TLC in 2025 **on** Feb 5 & Feb 19, from 10-12.

We will be sewing washable sanitary pads for girls in third world countries so they can go to school every day. Last year we sewed these hygiene kits for 226 **girls** 12-14 years old, and got them all sent away,

Come join us for sewing and fellowship, **please** bring your sewing machine, scissors and a needle **if you are** able, or just yourself to help us sew these kits for these girls. They are urgently needed in many countries.

coffee/tea and snack provided.

So come and join us! Darlene and Lucille



Trinity LWMLC

All ladies welcome



Our first meeting of 2025 will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 am in the conference room. Please join us for coffee and Christian fellowship.

Mite Envelopes

Mite envelopes are available in the Narthex. These donations, which support LWMLC Mission Projects, are sent to the national office. A tax receipt will be issued. Your envelope can be given to Rosalind Plumtree who remits the Mite donations once a month. Thank you.

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