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Second Sunday after Christmas

*Divine Service*

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**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**  
**Liturgy**  
**Introit**

*O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild*

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- P: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
- C: **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\***  
**You have set your glory above the heavens.**  
**What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\***  
**and the son of man that you | care for him?**  
**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly |**  
**beings\***  
**and crowned him with glory and | honor.**  
**You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\***  
**you have put all things under | his feet,**

**All:        Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
                 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
                 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
                 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P:        Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established  
                 strength because | of your foes,\*  
                 to still the enemy and the a- | venger.**

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Collect**

**P:        Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your  
                 incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives;  
                 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
                 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:        Amen**

## **Old Testament**

Genesis 46:1-7 (ESV)

So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here am I.” Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

## **Gradual**

**C:        Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the |  
                 nations,\*  
                 that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory | in  
                 your praise.  
                 You, O LORD, are our | Father,\*  
                 our Redeemer from of old | is your name.**

**Epistle**

1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**Alleluia**

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**Gospel**

Matthew 2:13-23 (ESV)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, Out of Egypt I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: *A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.*

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: He shall be called a Nazarene.

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day***From East to West*

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**Sermon***The Silent Witness*

Matthew 2:13-23

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**Prayers**

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**Distribution** *I Walk in Danger All the Way* LSB 716

*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* LSB627

*What Child is This* LSB 370

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**Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father* LSB 725

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<b>Advent / Christmas / Epiphany</b>			
<b>Special Services</b>			
Evening services begin at 7:00 p.m.			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Day Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Text</i>
01/06/25	Epiphany	Joint here with St. Paul — Fulda	Pastor Ethridge preaching