

The Lord's Day – January 4th, 2026

"A NEW YEAR'S resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."

"May your troubles in the coming New Year be as short lived as your resolutions."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dietmeier

PRELUDE – "How Many Kings?"

Lorrie Crose

By M. Martel & J. Germain & Arranged by Jay Rouse

God Calls Us to Worship Him (John 4:23-24)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Colossians 1:15-18

Pastor Dietmeier

* OPENING HYMN – # 30 - "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" *On Screen*
(A capella – stanzas 4 & 6)

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Confession of our Faith (Luke 12:8)

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 90

(Trinity Hymnal pg. 816)

THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM – Question # 1

LEADER: What is man's primary purpose?

PEOPLE: Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

The Collection (I Corinthians 16:2)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Dietmeier

OFFERTORY – "One Small Child"

Lorrie Crose

By David Meece & Arranged by Carol Tornquist

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE – # 728 – "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *On Screen*

The Ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Dietmeier

SERMON TEXT – The Gospel According to Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

SERMON - "The Soil of the Kingdom"

Pastor Daren Dietmeier

Sermon Series "Jesus: Messiah, Redeemer, & King"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-30)

* COMMUNION HYMN - # 540 – "A Few More Years Shall Roll" *On Screen*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION - The Gospel According to Luke 22:14-23

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SIN (*in unison*)

Almighty and merciful God and Father, we poor sinners confess that we have sinned in many ways against You and Your commandments: We confess that we have misused Your Name, that we have sworn falsely or lightly by it, and have not professed it or kept it holy as we ought; We confess that we have not kept the Sabbath holy, we have not delighted in it or honored it as we ought, but have sought our own pleasure and turned to our own ways; we acknowledge in summary that our whole life is nothing more than sin and transgression of your holy commandments. Therefore we beg of you, that you would graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Enable us by Your grace and Spirit to walk in Your ways and live according to Your will. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen"

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Lord's Supper is the joyful feast of the people of God. We don't practice closed communion here at Trinity, but we invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body the church. By eating and drinking with us as a visitor you are acknowledging to the leadership of our church that you are in a living relationship with God and are an active member of a congregation in which the Word of God, especially the gospel of Christ, is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor before or after the service.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE – "God of the Ages"

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* THE BENEDICTION & THE POSTLUDE

(* - The congregation is invited to stand, if able.)

"Thank God you've come!"

As Benedictine monks greeted strangers who came to their door, we welcome all visitors to our worship service today. Please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, or sign the visitor's book in the main foyer. We look forward to seeing you again soon!