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TRINITY SOUTH



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 15, 2019

OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP: *Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number. When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.*



Please turn off your cell phone.

If you desire a bulletin in large print, please ask an usher.

May the Holy Spirit bless our worship!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

(LSB341)

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

**Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.**

ADVENT PROPHECY Malachi 3:1-7b

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty. I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

[Please be seated]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE THIRD CANDLE: THE SHEPHERDS’ CANDLE

Pastor: As we light the shepherds’ candle on our Advent wreath, we recall the shepherds outside Bethlehem who heard the news of Jesus’ birth and came to worship Him. Remembering their joy and witness, we pray,

People: **Merciful Father, as shepherds of old, bring to us once again the good news that the Savior has come. Then send us to share the Good News with others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

SONG “We Light The Advent Candles” (W&R175) Vs. 1,4

**We light the Advent candles against the winter night,
to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light.
to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light.**

**Three candles now are gleaming and show us the true way,
rejoice, the Baptist cries out, your Lord has come today,
rejoice, the Baptist cries out, your Lord has come today!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**All: O Lord of heaven, we come before You confessing that we
are sinners, that we have sinned against You and each other
by our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have done the evil
You forbid and have not done the good You desire; forgive
us for the sake of Jesus Christ and grant to us Your Spirit
that we live holy and blameless lives to the glory of Your holy
name. Amen.**

**Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who
atoned for the sin of the whole world. By His death we have life.
On this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of
Christ, and by His authority, speak God's grace to you and forgive
you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.**

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (W&R178)

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: We pray,

People: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday in Advent is from the 35th chapter of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 146

Reader: We read responsively from Psalm 146.

Reader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Reader: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People: **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Reader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

Reader: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

People: **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

Reader: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

EPISTLE James 5:7-11

Reader: The Epistle is from the 5th chapter of James.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained

steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

[Please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-15

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

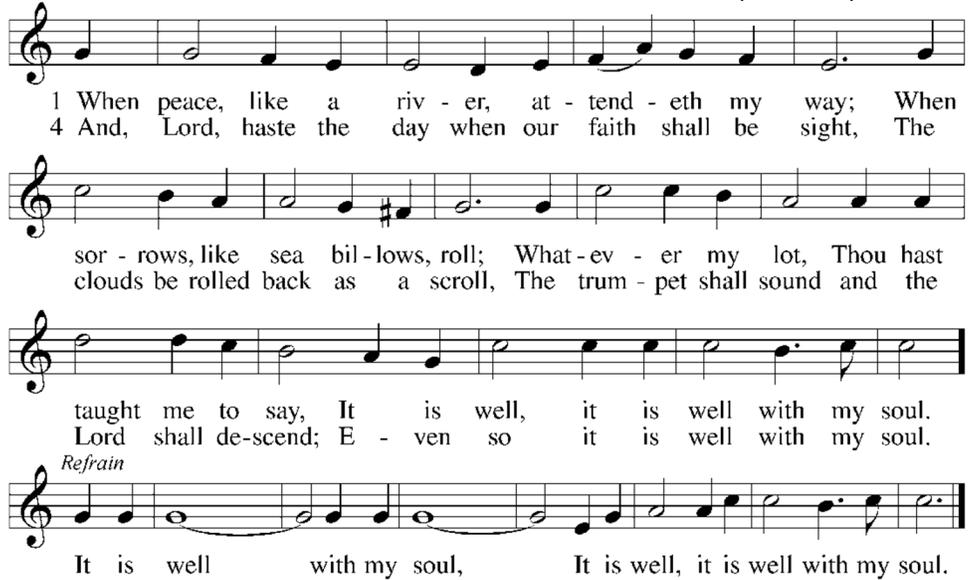
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[Please be seated]

SERMON HYMN “When Peace, Like a River”

(LSB763) vs 1, 4



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The
sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the
taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.
Refrain
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

SERMON

“Gospel: An Oasis in Each Day’s Desert”

[Please stand]

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

[Please be seated]

THE COLLECTION OF GIFTS

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” –Leviticus 27:30

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Kim Clark



PRAYERS

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

From the beginning the prophets spoke of what Jesus was to do to fulfill Your saving will. Help us to welcome His coming and rejoice in His gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: The temptations around us are great. Help us to remain steadfast in Your Word, faithful in Your service, and bold in witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for joy amid our struggles to be faithful. Fill our hearts with the joy of Your kingdom now and always. We pray for peace for our service members, that they may be protected from danger and know Your presence and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the elderly, the sick and all who suffer, especially those among us whom we have lifted up to You previously, Father, and those most recently afflicted and all who have requested our prayers that the Holy Spirit would strengthen the weak, supply the needs of the lonely, and grant healing of body and patience to endure all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessory Prayers



December 15—**Mary Ann Barnhart, Carolyn Hoppe, Sandy Horne**

December 16—**George Walters**

December 17—**Debbie Sattler, Carol Tooley, Susie Whitt**

December 18—**Bonnie Davis, Pat Frazier, Pat Kostock,**

Kris Loffler, Judy Plotter

December 19—**Shirley Grant**

December 20—**Esther Aggas, Bruce Bresky, Bob Weinert**

December 21—**Darlene Spignesi, Chuck Wilt**



December 18—**John & Sandra Lamb (48)**

December 20—**Larry & Jackie Knoll (50)**

December 21—**Gilbert & Judi Dahnke (56)**

John & Sandy Starr (51)

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

All: Amen.

[Please stand]



SACRAMENT

The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a means of receiving God's grace. We believe that in the holy supper, the true body and blood of the Savior, along with the bread and wine, comes to us. We are encouraged by Jesus to commune frequently and God tells us through St. Paul that we must examine ourselves in preparation for a worthy reception of the sacrament. This includes a confession of our sins, a proclamation of our faith, and a determination to lead a more godly life in the future. If you also acknowledge your sinfulness and your need for a Savior, and recognize Christ's physical presence in the bread and wine, we invite you to join us at the Lord's table.

NOTE: *If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed in the center of each communion tray for you. For those with a gluten allergy we now provide gluten-free wafers. Please help yourself to the gluten-free wafers located in the center of the tray.*

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are You, Holy God, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. You are our salvation and the giver of peace. We praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus, born of Mary, to share our life and to bring us Your peace. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. Remember us in Your Kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the  new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

[Please be seated]

AGNUS DEI

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray**

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Dear Savior, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the reassurance that my sins are forgiven, the strengthening of my faith in You as my Savior, and the grace to serve You with a God-pleasing life, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd vine of the branches, Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords, The Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

SILENT PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank and praise you that you have again refreshed me with the gift of your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless my participation that I may depart from your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that I am reconciled to God. I ask this in your name. Amen.

[Please stand]

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: We pray.

People: **Merciful Father, You have given us hope in Christ and because of all He accomplished for us when He came in flesh and blood, we are sustained in faith. Equip us with the gifts of Your Spirit and increase our faith that we may be prepared to greet Him with confidence and joy when He returns as King and Judge of all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

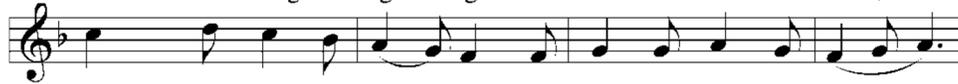
CLOSING HYMN "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" (LSB386)



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

OUR MISSION: *The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ by serving the spiritual, family and personal needs of the community. We believe that the primary reason for our existence is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ by providing worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship to foster spiritual growth.*



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Ron Barr, Debbie Thompson, Rick Hoglund, Bob Palmer, Dan Lindstrom, Marlowe Suess, Andy Tourrette, Bill Mercier, Kathy Bultman, Betty Giertz, Mike David, George Walters, Gilbert Schroeter, Joyce Moote, Bob Booth, Bill Roudebush, Marion Raper, Marilyn & Bob Tomsik, Lydia Kelm, Denise Anderson, Lyle Hoffmeister, Lois Franklin, Carol Bohlmann, Anthony Kakiou (brother of Connie Mulidore), Cathy Keifer, Janice Kaiser, Matthew Crispin, Bill Early, Victor Adam, Rosalyce Peterson, Adrienne Israel, William Hoban, Betty Kowske, Mary Staudacher, Dorothy Scheler, Ralph Munden, Tom Davies.



SPECIAL PRAYERS – LONG TERM ILLNESS: Beatriz Jansen, Shirley Radkiewicz, Fred Suco, Helen Richardson (friend of Charlotte Leidner), Sharon Lilley, Marlene Losey, Traci Wise-Maupin, Pam Petro, Kirsten Reisinger (*Granddaughter of Tom & Sandie Burritt*), Ray & Barbara King, Tom Palmer (Bob Palmer’s brother), Ann Marie Jaeger, Jean Brown, Ron Barr, Marion Mashman, Ed Westover.



SPECIAL PRAYERS–SHUT-INS: Dallas & Marie Heine, Dottie Horwath, George Keenan, Matthew Derrig, Merle Deterding, Mary Staudacher, Dotty McCafferty, Mary Wood.

	10:30 a.m. TRINITY SOUTH ASSISTANTS
Pianist	Kim Clark
Elders	Jim Moore
Lector	Kim Diemand
Greeters	Arline Reinking-Hanf, Marie Stein
Ushers	Kurt & Connie Crispin
Parking Assistants	Glenn Croteau, Jim Crenshaw
Altar Guild	Connie Crispin, Carol Crouteau, Denice Horton, Paula Zumaris



“COME, LORD JESUS” ADVENT SERIES- “Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest...” So begins the common table prayer. In the spirit of Revelation 22:20, during Advent services we will apply this petition to Advent devotions. Through short and simple daily practices we will learn to pray, “Come Lord Jesus” in a way that gives daily strength and hope. “Daily devotions.” That sounds like a huge challenge to many of us. Whether you are a household of one, two, three, or more, having daily devotions can be a struggle. Our Advent series will use God’s word to equip disciples for this struggle and provide simple and effective ways to help meet this challenge. With God’s help we can learn to daily pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” not only to daily bless our food but our lives, finding strength and hope in Jesus. The hope and strength that Jesus gives comes in his victory over the “unholy trinity”: the devil, our sinful nature, and the sinful world. This includes the promise of fully flourishing in the life to come. In this series we will explore how God’s word teaches and guides us in following our victorious Lord as we look to him in daily devotion to his word. “Advent” means “coming.” During this season of Advent our focus will be on Jesus’s “three comings” to save us—past, present, and future. Jesus has come and accomplished his saving work. He continues to come by the power of the Holy Spirit through the word and sacraments. He will come again on the last day for our final deliverance. This series will match Christ’s three “comings” with his “overcoming” of the “unholy trinity,” the enemies of his saving word. **WEEK 3: Praying, COME, LORD JESUS, to Him Who Will Come Again to Bring Final Victory (December 18)** The service will be at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays noted, and be followed by a fellowship meal. Please take these extra moments to prepare yourself for His coming again at Christmas and His coming at the end of time!



TRINITY SOUTH LADIES BIBLE STUDY-A new Ladies Bible study is being held **every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Trinity South.** It’s being held on the **second floor of Harbor Chase in the Scrabble Room.** We are studying Great Women of The Bible and all ladies of Trinity are welcome. If you have any questions you can call (479) 531-9327. –Lora Rollings



We invite **EVERYONE** to join your church family at our **ADVENT SUPPERS** during this season of hope and anticipation. **Trinity's Board of Fellowship** will be serving a complete meal following the Advent services in the Fellowship Hall, with the traditional free will offering. The menu is as follows: **December 11th, Patti's Beef Stew and December 18th, Gary's Chicken**. We are continuing our tradition of asking you to bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies that everyone will be able to enjoy during the suppers. No, they don't need to be home-made unless you have time and enjoy baking. Feel free to bring home for your enjoyment any left over cookies and "baggies" will be available. During this busy holiday season, relax and enjoy a great meal and fellowship, as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG- We are singing at Elan Spanish Springs on Tuesday, 12/17 at 11:00 a.m. You don't have to have special singing talent...just a desire to bring a little cheer and the Christmas message to some who are grateful for it! No rehearsals-we'll have song sheets and you'll know the melodies. You will get more from your participation than you give! –Board of Evangelism



THE TRINITY LUTHERAN SINGLES GROUP will meet **Friday, December 20 at 5:00 PM** at Toppers Tavern, Del Webb Golf & Country club located approximately, six miles north of the church on US 441/27. For any questions call Jim Hess at 633-0311. Sign up in the Clipboard area of the Narthex.



We've missed YOU! We invite our Trinity family to the monthly **FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON on Saturday, December 28th**. We meet at the Oakwood Restaurant, 860 S. HWY 27-441, Lady Lake at **11:00 a.m.** Our luncheons are held on the 4th Saturday of each month unless noted differently. For planning purposes, please look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex clip board area by the water fountain. If unable to attend after placing your name or didn't have an opportunity to place your name on the sheet, please contact Bob & Marilyn Tomsik 352-347-1469. As always, we look forward to seeing familiar and new faces. The luncheon is a wonderful way to gather for great food, fellowship and making a new friend. "The greatest gift is not found in a store nor under a tree, but in the hearts of true friends."



PILLOWCASE DRESS MINISTRY MEETING-The pillowcase ministry group will meet on **Monday, January 6th at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1** to discuss future plans for the group. We invite anyone interested to join us. Thank you, *Lori Yahr and Karen Hoerauf*



REVELATION: THE NOT-SO DISTANT TRUMPET CALL

Pastor Dan will continue the Wednesday night Bible study, on the final book of the Bible, Revelation on January 8. Many people are troubled by this book, or get caught up in the many confusing interpretations they hear or read in books and on television or radio. Revelation is intended to be a book of great comfort for Christians, and when properly read, can bring great joy. **We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, January 8 at 4PM for this study & a meal.**



PRISCILLA BIBLE CLASS: This class is being temporarily suspended until after the first of the year. We will resume meeting **Thursday, January 9 in Room 3 at 10:30 a.m.** For questions, please call Debbie Thompson at (352) 873-0453.



BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY SOUTH-Beginning **January 12,**

2020, before the Sunday service, a 12-week Bible study using a guide entitled *One Truth, Many Lies* will explore heresies and false teachings that still impact the Church today. The study, as explained by Concordia Publishing Company, "explores significant false truths in the history of the Church and exposes them to the truth of the Scriptures, following the three-part pattern of the Apostles' Creed: Who God is and what He has said, the two natures of Jesus Christ our Lord, and the work of the Holy Spirit, the gift of salvation, the ministry of the Church and the resurrection of the dead. "The study will help participants recognize false teachings still in some churches today.



FIVE WISHES, AGING WITH DIGNITY PRESENTATION-

An advance directive that has been described by Wikipedia as the "living will with a heart and soul". Jessica McQue, Marian County Hospice Monarch, will provide a presentation to the Congregation on **January 21, 2020** from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** The program presentation, sponsored by the Board of Human Care, will be held in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will be available by 12/1/2019. **For questions, call Janet Sanner at 352-452-0708 or Email: jsanner@lightningspeed.net**



TRINITY COUPLES SIMPLE SUPPERS- Do you wish that you knew more members of our Trinity family so that you could talk with them after church or even when you see them at the grocery store? You might want to consider joining other couples in our SIMPLE SUPPERS group. We don't just do suppers! We enjoy the company of two or three other couples at breakfast, brunch, dinner, an outing, or even an evening at a fellow members home over a four month period. Our next organizational meeting will be **Monday, January 20, 2020 at 4 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark that date on your calendar. There will be another reminder in the January Tidings as well as reminders in the weekly bulletin. **Contact Kay Jacobson kayalene43@comcast.net or Paula Zumaris zlady228@gmail.com.**



Trinity's **Board of Human Care** would like to thank **EVERYONE** supporting our ministry "**Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Center**". **2019 is coming to an end and we are asking for your help during 2020.** Please look for a sign up sheet in the narthex clip board area by the water fountain and consider delivering Trinity's food donations, during one of the months in the upcoming year. Trinity's volunteers give freely of themselves in various ways to help those that are less fortunate. By volunteering you will also send God's love helping numerous clients through their tough times and also make it possible to fulfill this ministry. Please contact Marilyn Tomsik 352-347-1469 if you have any questions.

IRA DISBURSEMENTS TO CHARITY- **Would you like to pay less taxes? Finding it harder to itemize deductions for your Federal taxes?** Want to benefit both yourself and a charity? Well, do you know that if you need to have a set amount of disbursements from your IRA (you're 70 ½ or older) you can have the IRA funds go directly to a charity without being taxed. That's probably 10-15% of the contribution. For information on this, contact the financial organization where you have your IRA.



'Because We Care' Card Ministry: Please remember if you have anyone in need of a card for any reason please let Anna Gay know and a card will be sent. We send cards for Birthdays, (80 yrs, 85 yrs., and 90 and over) and Anniversaries (50th, 60th, and over). Also to Shut-in's, Get Well, Thinking of you, and Sympathy. If you know of a care giver who needs a word of encouragement please get those names to me. E-mail me at annamgay@gmail.com -Anna M. Gay

Thanks
Everyone!

The LWML Red Boot Tea, held on December 6th, was very well received and very well attended! The proceeds from our Red Boot collection will be going to our chosen charity, Mission:Haiti. **We were able to raise over \$1,300 to donate to them.** Stein Mart presented a lovely fashion show, using our own ladies from Trinity as models. Thank you to Lou Brady, Jill Esposito, Dorothy Frenz, China Menendez, and Marianne Merrow. You gals were great! We also want to thank Sharon Pruszynski for the beautiful decorations; Patti Paxton, for her usual spot on help with the refreshments; Marilyn Tomsik for her help in making posters and flyers, and for writing the articles. Also, thanks to our very special greeters, David and Julia Mack. We couldn't have done any of this without all of the others who helped selling tickets, setting up, serving, and cleaning. We truly appreciate all of your efforts.- *Donna Faiella and Pam Bixler, Co-Chairs*



MEN'S CLUB NEWS: "No More Yard Sale"-At the recent Men's Club meeting, a survey was taken to determine what future activities the Men's Club should sponsor and be involved in. Due to a lack of interest and volunteers, it was decided to no longer sponsor an annual Trinity yard sale. The yard sale has grown and attracts so many people that it has become a liability. Entry and exit for cars to and from church property, and parking has become hazardous.

NOTE: You can still help local charities by donating your yard sale items to their thrift stores. Many charities like Love INC. will even pick up your items.



DAILY BREAD MINISTRY: Are you a Trinity member experiencing a temporary need of help with meals? It may be that you are recovering from an illness, injury, or surgery. Our congregation has a Daily Bread Ministry of caring volunteers willing to bring you a prepared meal just for the asking. **Contact LouAnn O'Brien at 352-643-1558 or Jane Larson at 352-233-9653** When meals are requested, volunteers are called upon who live close to the household in need. For this reason, the ministry could use more volunteer cooks who live in The Villages.



COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE EMERGENCY FOOD CENTER-

We are in need of many items this week. **Usually during this time of year we have a much greater need to provide for our families. The items are: All-In-Ones (meals in a box or can), Applesauce, Canned or Instant Potatoes, Cereal, Condiments, Fruit Juices, Jelly and Soup. They are also always in need of plastic bags to pack the groceries to give out to the clients.** Please place your donations in the box by the front entry and volunteers will deliver them to the food center. Contact Marilyn Tomsik 352-347-1469 if you have any questions. There are several opportunities for physically volunteering at the center, and if you have any questions call Linda Kafader, Director at 352-322-8810. Thank you to everyone supporting this Board of Human Care ministry.

LWML MITE COLLECTION UPDATE: Many thanks to all who contributed to our monthly Mite collection. A total of **\$248.50** was collected. These contributions will help fund many mission projects/grants. Always remember that A LITTLE CAN HELP SO MANY!



HOLY STROKES GOLF TOUR RESUMED PLAY ON DEC.3, 2019 AT TRUMAN EXEC. GOLF COURSE.

Ten participants demonstrated their golf skills with Dave Bailey and Rich Brown taking "nearest to pin" honors. Celebratory and "trash" talk followed the outing at Johnny Rockets. **If you live in the Villages and would like to be part of this group, send your name, golf ID number, and email address to stubefit@gmail.com.** Thanks, Stu Vogt



STEWARDSHIP NOTE– *“Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and*

save you.’ ”- Isaiah 35:4 The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

Date	Time	TRINITY LUTHERAN WEEKLY EVENTS
12/15 Sun	8:00 am	Communion Service
	9:15 am	Pastor Paul's Bible Study
	9:15 am	South Choir Practice/ Harbor Chase 3 rd Floor
	10:30 am	Communion Service / Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Communion Service/ Harbor Chase on the 3 rd Floor
12/16 Mon	10:00 am	Global Missions Meeting/ Room 5
12/17 Tues	9:30 am	South Ladies Bible Study/ 2 nd Floor Scrabble Room
	10:00 am	Cleaning of Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Adoration in Motion/ Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm	Color Book Group/Francesco's
	1:00 pm	Veteran's Center Group/ Room 5
	1:30 pm	Church Council/ Room 3
	7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends/ Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1
12/18 Wed	4:00 pm	Midweek Advent Service/ Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Meal and Fellowship/ Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1
12/19 Thurs	2:00 pm	Cleaning of the Fellowship Hall
	2:30 pm	Bells of Trinity Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
	2:30 pm	Veteran's Center Closed Group/ Room 5
	4:00 pm	SONrise Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Glory Road Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
12/21 Sat	8:00 am	Pastor Dan's Men's Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	4:00 pm	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
12/22 Sun	8:00 am	Communion Service
	9:15 am	Pastor Paul's Bible Study
	9:15 am	South Choir Practice/ Harbor Chase 3 rd Floor
	10:30 am	Communion Service / Sanctuary
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Attendance		
Advent 2 Saturday 12-07-19	4:00 pm	109
Advent 2 Sunday 12-8-19	8:00 am	184
	10:30 am	269
Advent 2 Trinity South 12-8-19	10:30 am	68
	Total	630
Thanksgiving Eve 11/27/19	4:00 pm	368
Midweek Advent 1 12/4/19	4:00 pm	151
Prelude to Christmas Concert 12/8/19	4:00 pm	605



What does “thank you” really mean? “Thank you” is one of those wonderful phrases people use to express a special gratitude. But there’s often a lot more to it than those two words say ... When it comes from the heart, from deep inside the nicest feelings and the most special thoughts, “thank you” means so much. It means thank you for taking the time to show that you care. It means “you really made my day,” and sometimes it means that you really make all the days so much better. “Thank you” means you didn’t have to ... but I’m so grateful that you did. And “thank you” means that you’ve done something special that I’ll never forget. Thank you so much! This thank you goes out to all who came to church on Tuesday the 10th to decorate church. God answered my plea for help! Heart felt thanks.- *Dorothy Frenz, Linda Drozdowski, Sharon Ahrens & Trustees*



TLC “Veterans Helping Others” is an off-shoot of Trinity’s Barnabas chapter. The idea is to help others with simple tasks around the home that, because of physical challenges, they are unable to do. Examples would be a changing a light bulb where a ladder is needed, moving an appliance or sofa, etc. There are many others where a contractor is not needed but basic do-it-yourself skills will suffice. **We need members of the congregation whom we can call on when a request is made.** All tasks will be done by appointment at the convenience of the volunteer and a willingness and ability to perform the help desired. At least 2 people will be involved with all projects. This is a great way reach out to veterans and perform a service that will earn appreciation for Trinity. **Please call Nick Bock at 352-470-4577 or the church office at 352-307-4500 if you are willing to add your name to the list.**



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES is dedicated to the billions of people around the world still unreached with the *Gospel* message, our work is not done. What can **you** do to let others know about **Jesus Christ**? Check out the **Lutheran Hour Ministries** website at www.lhm.org for the many resources available.



CHRISTMAS CHUCKLES:

What kind of bug hates Christmas? — A humbug.

What goes “oh, oh, oh”? — Santa walking backwards.

What does Tarzan sing at Christmas? — Jungle Bells.

What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? — A cookie sheet.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “The Magical dust of Christmas glittered on the cheeks of humanity ever so briefly, reminding us of what is worth having and what we were intended to be.”-Max Lucado

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

4:00 PM ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE

5:00 PM SUPPER

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 21ST

4:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 22ND

8:00 & 10:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

10:30 AM TRINITY SOUTH SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

3:30 PM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

10:30 PM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

11:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:30 AM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in all worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastors would like to be of service to you in any way they can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Dan or Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.