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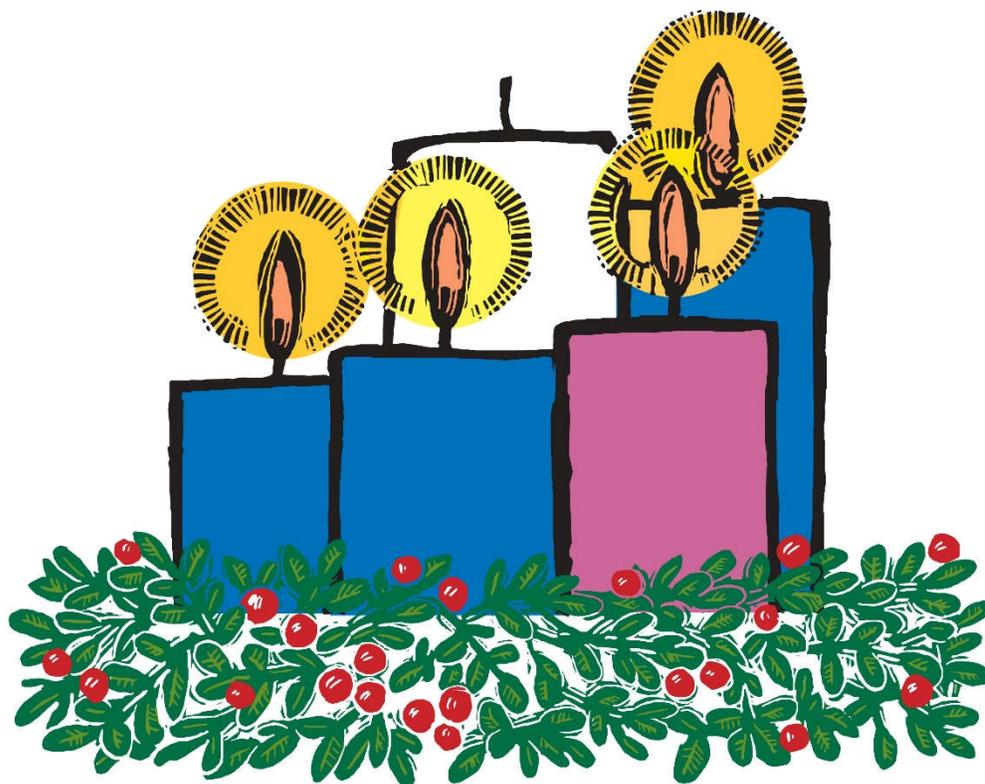
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**December 19 &
20, 2020**



— FOURTH SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 19 & 20, 2020

 Please turn off your cell phone.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]

“Christmas at Calvary”
“His Name is Wonderful”
“Pass Me Not”

Gospel Alive! Choir

[Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.]

“Picardy” (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

Trinity Bells, Rachel Kelm, Joan Egeland, Flutes

“Breath of Heaven” *Amy Grant*

Rachel Kelm & Kimberley Clark, Duet

“Long Ago, Prophets Knew” W&R167 *Trinity Bells with Congregation*

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new; bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.

Refrain:

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.

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Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb, God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected

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Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

Refrain for Verse 4 Only :

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes! We will make him welcome!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” (WR176)

**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates: behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart: make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love
and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you: here, Lord, abide!
Let me your inner presence feel: your grace and love in me reveal.**

**So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We gather around God's Word and His Sacrament

People: **as the people of God filled with the peace of God given in
Baptism.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: During these days of waiting, we again come face to face with our
sinfulness.

People: **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner,
confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have
ever offended You and justly deserve Your punishment now
and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely
repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and
for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death
of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Pastor: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death,
and resurrection. In the stead and by the command of our Lord
Jesus Christ, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by

His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE FOURTH CANDLE: THE MARY CANDLE

Pastor: As we light the Mary candle on our Advent wreath, we recall the mother of Jesus who bravely accepted God's Word through the angel Gabriel and became the Lord's servant, joyfully acknowledging that all future generations would call her blessed. Remembering her joy and witness, we pray,

People: **Merciful Father, as you sent Your Son – a child of Mary, bring to us once again the good news that the Savior has come. Then send us to share the Good News with others, that our souls would magnify You as well; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

SONG "We Light the Advent Candles" (WR175) vs 1, 5

**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.**

**Four candles burning brightly and announce that Christ has come,
prepare my heart, believe it, and give the Christ child room,
Prepare my heart, believe it, and give the Christ child room.**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Stir up Your power, Lord Jesus, and come. Fill us with Your abundant peace that our hearts may be set to serve You. Free us from sin, that we may willingly bear Your peace to all the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

[Please be seated]



THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

2 Samuel 7:1-11

Reader: The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Advent is from the 7th chapter of 2nd Samuel

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you." That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.'" "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 89:1-5

Reader: We read responsively the Psalm of the day.

Reader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: **For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

Reader: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:
People: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" **Selah**

Reader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
People: your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

EPISTLE Romans 16:25-27

Reader: The Epistle is from the 16th chapter of Romans.

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him- to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

[Please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the

Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[Please be seated]

HYMN “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (LSB374)

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**

**Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.**

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!**

SERMON “Mary, What DID You Know? Luke 1:35-38

[Please stand]

THE CREED: “The Meaning of the Second Article”

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

[Please be seated]

VIDEO “Mary, Did You Know”



PRAYERS

Pastor: As we prepare to celebrate with thanksgiving the coming of the Christ-child, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

For the Church in every place, that with Mary and Elizabeth we would be prepared for Your coming into our lives; And that our own Christmas celebrations glorify the coming of the Savior King. God of peace,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For peace among the nations of the world, and especially for our service members who strive for peace in conflicts around the world, that they may know Your presence and protection. God of peace,

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 in need of healing ... 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 20—**Esther Aggas, Bruce Bresky, Ann Lenz, Bob Weinert**
December 21—**Darlene Spignesi, Chuck Wilt**
December 23—**Daryl Kuehnast, Debbie Rosser**
December 24—**Hilda Kovac**
December 25—**Wendy Davis, Chris Eaton**



December 20—**Larry & Jackie Knoll (51)**
December 21—**Gilbert & Judy Dahnke (57)**
John & Sandy Starr (52)
December 23—**Jim & Kay Jacobson (53)**
December 24—**Doug & Joyce Mussey (35)**

IN LOVING MEMORY

We remember the family of Art Loesel as he was called to his heavenly home.

Pastor: God of peace, hear the prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, whose coming is certain and whose day is drawing near.

People: **Amen.**

[Please stand]

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the ☩ Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **Amen.**



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.

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.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are You, Holy God. 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. 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.

People: **Amen.**

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."

[Please be seated]

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world:
Give us Your peace, give us Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS [Saturday 4:00 p.m.]

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“Jesus Loves Me”

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

“Do You Know My Jesus?”

Gospel Alive!

“EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL” (W&R178)

Congregation

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

[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]

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“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME” (W&R168)

Savior of the nations, come, show yourself the Virgin’s son.
Fill with wonder, all the earth, that was our God chose such a birth.

Not by human power or seed did the woman’s womb conceive;
only by the Spirits breath was the Word of God made flesh.

Christ laid down his majesty, passed thro’ dark Gethsemane;
though he left his Father’s home, Christ now sits on God’s own throne.

Christ in glory, interceded for your creatures’ suffering need;
Let your resurrecting power soon complete the victory hour.

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; praise to Christ, our newborn King!
With the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come.

“JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES”

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

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS” (W&R184)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
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[Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.]

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(W&R178)

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“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME”

(W&R169)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame: “All hail said he, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored Mary, gloria!

“For know a blessed mother you shall be, all generations praise continually, your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,” Most highly favored Mary, gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; “To me be as it pleases God,” she said. “My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.” Most highly favored Mary, gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: “Most highly favored Mary, gloria!

DUET **“I Sing of A Maiden”** by P. Hadley

Jill Esposito & Kathy Edenhofer



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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.*



ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the honor and glory of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by **John & Sandy Starr** in honor of their **52nd Wedding Anniversary**, and by **Jim & Kay Jacobson** in honor of their **53rd Wedding Anniversary**.



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Bob Behrends, Cindy Nash, Tom Palmer, Rose Ringelman, C.C. Acker, Jim & Edna Moore, Jules Neuenfeldt, Ken Herro, Gary Martens, Ron Lilley, Jud Moote, Jim Weaver.



THANK YOU GIFT FOR TRINITY FOLKS: As our way of saying thank you to the congregation for all of their support this past year, the **Scrappy Quilters** have made **Christmas/Holiday** themed cloth masks for everyone! Stop by the church office or pick one up at the Coffee bar.



BOOKWORMS- Please join us **Jan. 6 at 2:00 in Classroom 1** for an enlightening discussion of Mitch Albom's book, "Finding Chika". Albom is well known for his many Christian-based books that have been made into plays and movies. This is a short book, so easy to read during the holidays. See the January Tidings for more details.



COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE: Today there are many hungry families in our community who are in need of our help. The **Community of Gratitude Emergency Food Center**, located in Ocklawaha, is in need of food items which in turn will feed many impoverished families and children. **THE CENTER IS IN NEED OF ALL THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW.** Volunteers will deliver them to the food center. **Items for this week: Jellies, Desserts, All-in-Ones with meat, Condiments, and Applesauce.** **Please drop these items in the Narthex on Saturday or Sunday or in the church office Monday- Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Contact Jim and/or Nancy Steinmark at 352-299-0606 if you have any questions. Your help is appreciated. Thank you for supporting this Board of Human Care ministry.



2020 SECRET PRAYER PAL REVEAL Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Francesco's Ristorante (16770 South US HWY 441, Suite 608) at 11:00 a.m. Franco's Menu. Cost: \$11 plus drinks, tax & gratuity (this will be at your own expense) **MUST RSVPs/Regrets by Friday, January 8, 2021 to Patty Talbott at 352-561-4952.** If you have not been able to secure delivery of gifts from you to your 2020 Secret Prayer Pal, please bring them to the Reveal. Hopefully she will be there, and you will be able to deliver in person! Fun!



THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL MISSIONS

Statement: The Trinity Lutheran Church Committee on Global Missions works to inspire our fellow Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world by any and all God pleasing methods. **We will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 18, 2021.** Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. For more information on what we are all about, please contact Jan Garner (352-598-2048).



2021 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SECRET PRAYER PALS:

Prayerfully consider joining this simple but powerful and rewarding ministry for 2021. Simply fill out the **form in the Tidings on our website** with all the requested information and return it ***by January 31, 2021*** to: (Patty Talbott, 1131 Santa Cruz Drive, The Villages, FL 32162) You will receive your 2021 Secret Prayer Pal information by mail by end of the February. If you have any questions, call Patty Talbott, (352) 561-4952.



2021 ALTAR FLOWERS:

The sign-up sheets are now available. Be sure to get your special dates before they are gone. One arrangement is \$30 and can be taken home after the late service.



PORTALS OF PRAYER – for **January through March, 2021** are now available at the Welcome Center. A donation to offset the cost of this publication will be greatly appreciated.



HELP NEEDED TO DELIVER ITEMS-It is now time to begin planning for 2021. This is a call for volunteers to deliver donated food items beginning in January.

Due to all the changes brought about by the Covid-19 virus, for the time being, the volunteer sign-up sheet will not be located in the church narthex but can be found in the church administrative office. We request that you drop by the office and select a month to deliver the food items or call me at 352-299-0606 and I will assign you the month that you request. I thank all of you in advance for your help in extending our mission to the Community of Gratitude



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

3:30 PM & 10:30 PM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BEGINS
4:00 PM & 11:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE



POINSETTA PICK UP: You may pick them up after service on Christmas Day, on Saturday 12/26 after the 4:00 Service, or on Sunday 12/27 during services or Tuesday, 12/29 from 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. Thank you.- Dorothy Frenz 748-0253.



The Office is *Closed* on Tuesday, Dec. 28, Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, January 1. **Merry Christmas!**

FOR A CHUCKLE: SILENT NIGHT, SILLY NIGHT



After hearing the Christmas story and singing "Silent Night", a Sunday School Class in Sao Paulo, Brazil was asked to draw what they thought the Nativity Scene might have looked like....

One little fellow did a good likeness of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus, but off to the side was a roly-poly figure. The teacher, afraid that he had somehow worked St. Nick into the scene asked him who that was. She wasn't sure whether she was relieved or even more worried when the boy responded, "Oh, that's Round John Virgin."

Date	Time	TRINITY LUTHERAN WEEKLY EVENTS
12/19 Sat	4:00 pm	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
12/20 Sun	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
12/22 Tues	11:00 am	Memorial for Lyle Hoffmeister
	1:00 pm	Veterans Center Group/ Room 5
12/24 Thurs		Christmas Eve
	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
12/25 Fri		Merry Christmas! Office Closed
	10:00 am	Christmas Day Communion Service
12/26 Sat	4:00 pm	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
12/27 Sun	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Remember that candy commercial declaring, “Big things come in small packages”? The prophet’s message to tiny Bethlehem is similar: “Though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel” (Micah 5:2, NIV).

We’ve all felt too small for a certain role: too little to play with the big kids ... too skinny to make the football team ... short on the skills needed for a choice assignment. Perhaps we fear our gift of money is too little to make a difference, or the small amount of time we can volunteer isn’t even worth it.

But God brings big things out of “small packages.” From a newborn baby — merely six to eight pounds of helplessness — God brought salvation for the whole world. Rest assured, he’ll do big things through you, too.

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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 both 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.