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**January 2 & 3, 2021**



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
For Unto Us  
  
A Child is Born  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
January 2 & 3, 2021

Please turn off your cell phone.

May the Holy Spirit bless our worship!

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]

Organ settings on 'The Three Kings'

"Infant Messiah" and "Shepherd Man"

*Susana Canon*

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

"We Three Kings" *arr. Marth Thompson*

*Bells of Trinity*

Joyful Christmas Organ Music

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[Please stand]

**OPENING HYMN “We Three Kings”**

(W&R233)

**EVERYONE:** We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**EVERYONE:**

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**MEN ONLY:**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**EVERYONE:**

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**MEN ONLY:**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.**

**EVERYONE:**

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**MEN ONLY:**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**EVERYONE:**

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

**EVERYONE:**

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.**

**EVERYONE:**

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
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## INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed in the one You choose and bring near,

**People: to dwell in Your courts!**

Pastor: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,

**People: the holiness of Your temple!**

Pastor: And God said, "Ask what I shall give you."

**People: Give Your servant an understanding mind.**

*Psalm 65:4; 1 Kings 3:5, 9*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Almighty God, You have shown great and steadfast love to us and have blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Yet we have not lived up to our high and holy calling but have sinned continually against You and against our neighbors. Give to us, therefore, the wisdom and faith to sincerely repent of our sins and turn to You for forgiveness, strength, and the resolve to amend our lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

*Ephesians 1:7, adapt.*

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## INTROIT **Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12;**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.**

Pastor: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

**People: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!**

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

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**HYMN OF PRAISE      “This Is the Feast”**

**All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Men: Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Men: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We pray together.

All: **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. Amen.**

[Please be seated]



## THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 3:4–15

Reader: **The Old Testament Reading for the second Sunday after Christmas is from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings the third chapter and is the Sermon Text.**

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—

so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 119:97-104

Reader: **We read the Psalm responsively.**

Reader: Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

People: **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

Reader: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

People: **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

Reader: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

People: **I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.**

Reader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 1:3–14

Reader: **The Epistle is from the first chapter of Ephesians.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the

forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand]

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:40–52**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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

[Please be seated]

**HYMN** “Come, My Soul, With Every Care” (LSB779)

Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow’r are such None can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey’s end.

Show me what is mine to do; Ev’ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people’s death.

**SERMON** “What Are You Asking For?” 1 Kings 3:4-15

[Please stand]

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the

Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

[Please be seated]

**HYMN** “ God of Grace and God of Glory” (LSB850)

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r;  
Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

## PRAYERS

Pastor: We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. O Lord of hosts, our King and our God, it is good to be at home in Your house at Your altar where You give us Your children the gifts we need to live as Your people while yet in this world. Above all, You give us Your love and the forgiveness of our sins, and the wisdom of faith that keeps Your Word at the forefront of our minds and blesses us to be Your blessing to others. Grant to Your whole family on earth Your light and Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In this new year of grace we pray grant wisdom especially to the leaders of nations and to the governing authorities of our own country; wisdom that seeks not self promotion, riches, and honor but understanding to discern what is right and good to promote liberty, justice, and peace in our world. As we pray for protection for our soldiers who serve so bravely and valiantly, we also ask that somehow a fitting conclusion to war could be reached and peace can prevail for a time, even among sinful men. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, bless all parents that our children may grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with You and all people. Be pleased to visit, comfort, and grant healing to those who are sick or injured or recovering from illness, including those we've named previously in prayer, and those we now name in our hearts. Grant to us all wisdom and courage to meet the days ahead in a holy and certain hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, come to us and abide with us especially as we receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Give us true repentance and faith to receive and to live in Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Intercessory Prayers*

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

January 2– Marilyn Lembke, Heidi Lopatin  
January 3 – Bill Calpin, Christian Gaynor, Wayne Herring  
January 4 – Tom Burritt, Arlene Stackhouse  
January 6 – Susan Murphy, Ginny Norregaard  
January 7 – Ben Benzel, Lou Braasch, John Brobson, Rich VanSwol  
January 8 – Gary Dzierzawski

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

January 5 – Jack & DJ McElwain (30)  
January 6 – Lou & Chris Rebeck (31)  
Frank & Elaine Wick (59)  
Woody & Jane Wood (53)  
January 8 – George & Diane Walters (20)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
People: Amen.

[Please stand]

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor, and ☩ give you peace. *Numbers*  
6:24-26  
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 OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have not dealt with us as we deserve, but have graciously given Your Son so that we might have abundant life here and in eternity. Through Your prophets You provided both warning and promise, and in Your Son made us part of Your heavenly harvest. We give thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us in this Sacrament. Nourish us by it until that day we celebrate with all who have preceded us in faith to Your heavenly banquet. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory in Your kingdom on earth and in heaven.

People: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER **sung by all**

*Our Fa--ther, Which art in heav--en,  
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav--en.  
Give us this day our dai--ly 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 glo--ry for-ev--er.  
A—men*

## 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."

### **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.**

**[Please be seated]**

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

**"As with Gladness Men of Old" (LSB397)**

**As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.**

[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]

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**“Earth Has A Many a Noble City” tune, Stuttgart 5 vs.**

**Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem thou dost all excel:  
Out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule His Israel.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told His birth,  
To the world its god announcing Seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**Eastern sages at His cradle make oblations rich and rare;  
See them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

**Sacred gifts of mystic meaning; incense doth their God disclose,  
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh His sepulcher foreshows.**

**Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at Thy glad epiphany,  
Unto Thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be!**

[Saturday 4:00 p.m.]



**“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” (LSB400)**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**

**Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**ORGAN MEDITATION**

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

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“Glorious Son of God”**

**We bow down in Your presence and praise You with hallelujahs,  
O Son of God. Wonderful counselor, the holy Prince of Peace.**

**We bow down in Your presence and praise You with hallelujahs,  
O Son of God. Redeemer, Friend, and Guide, Savior and Comforter.**

**We bow down in Your presence and praise you with hallelujahs,  
O Son of God. Glorious Son of God, Light of all the world.**

**“The Light of the World is Jesus”**     *P. Bliss*

**The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,  
the Light of the world is Jesus;  
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in,  
the Light of the world is Jesus.**

*Refrain –*

*Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; sweetly the light has dawned upon me,  
once I was blind, but now i can see; the light of the world is Jesus.*

**No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,  
the Light of the world is Jesus;  
We walk in the light when we follow our guide,  
the Light of the world is Jesus.     *[Refrain]***

**No need of the sunlight in Heaven we're told,  
the Light of the world is Jesus;  
The Lamb is the Light in the city of gold,  
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**“Go, Tell it on the Mountain” (WR218)**

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. Refrain.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior’s birth. Refrain.**

**Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain.**

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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.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** John & Sandy Starr, Dorothy & C.C. Acker, Cindy Nash, Tom Palmer, Rose Ringelman, Jim & Edna Moore, Jules Neuenfeldt, Ken Herro, Gary Martens, Ron Lilley, Jud Moote.



**BOOKWORMS-** Due to Covid **the meeting for January 6 has been canceled** and will be postponed to a later date that is still being determined.



**2020 SECRET PRAYER PAL REVEAL CANCELED-** Out of an abundance of caution due to the rising cases of Covid cases, the 2020 Secret Prayer Pal Reveal scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021, at Francesco's has been canceled. The name of your Secret Prayer Pal/ person praying for you will be mailed to you soon. **Please don't forget to mail your 2021 Secret Prayer Pal to Patty Talbott by January 31, 2021.**



**LWML MITE BOX COLLECTION:** Please remember the Mite Box **today**, located in the narthex, with a contribution. Your help may bring the Good News of the Savior to someone who has never heard about Jesus. Always remember that A LITTLE CAN HELP SO MANY!



**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).



**CAN YOU HELP?** The Board of Human Care is asking for donations of the following items for the "**Blessing Bag Ministry**". The purpose of this ministry is to aide visitors who come into the church office asking for food/toiletry items. **Items needed for the food bags are:** *Packets of crackers with cheese or peanut butter, Granola bars or Cereal bars, Fruit snacks, Applesauce, Tuna or Chicken packs, Nuts.* **Items needed for the Hygiene bags are:** *Hand sanitizer, Hand wipes, Shampoo, Small packs of Tissues, Soap, Toothbrush/Toothpaste.* Drop items off in the church office and label "Blessing Bags".



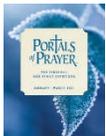
**2021 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SECRET PRAYER PALS:** Prayerfully consider joining this simple but powerful and rewarding ministry for 2021. Simply fill out the **form in the Tidings on our website** with all the requested information and return it **by January 31, 2021** to: (Patty Talbott, 1131 Santa 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.



**FLOWER MINISTRY-** The flower ministry is in need of small containers or mugs suitable for floral arrangements. Kindly leave them in the marked box in Room 4. Help is needed to help deliver floral arrangements to homebound members. Flowers can be left at the door and only requires an hour or two once a month of your time. This ministry is appreciated. Please contact Marianne Merrow for information at [M.merrow@comcast.net](mailto:M.merrow@comcast.net) or call (352) 753-4525. Thank you.



**SPIRITUAL TEXT FROM PASTOR PAUL-** If you would like to receive a morning spiritual text on your cellphone from Pastor Paul Sutterer called “**Our Magnificent God at Work**” call or text him at 352-233-9669



**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.



**Are you a Thrivent Member?** If you said yes, did you know that Thrivent Choice Dollars are available for you to share with your favorite charitable organization and/or here at Trinity? If you have used or signed into [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com) before, sign in and click on *Making a Difference*, then *Thrivent Action Team* and follow the prompts. If you have not signed into the Thrivent website before, call 1-800-847-4836 for assistance in registering and have your Thrivent ID membership number available. **For more information, contact Kevin Braunschweiger, who is our Thrivent Representative at 352-440-6784.**



**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: Rice, Snacks, Condiments.** Volunteers will deliver them to the food center. **Items for this week: 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.



**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.

Date	Time	TRINITY LUTHERAN WEEKLY EVENTS
01/02 Sat	4:00 pm	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
01/03 Sun		LWML Mite Box Collection
	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
01/05 Tues	1:00 pm	Veterans Center Group/ Room 5
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1
01/06 Wed	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous/ Room 1
01/07 Thurs	1:00 pm	Veterans Center Closed Group/ Room 5
01/08 Fri	12:00 pm	Scrappy Quilters/ Room 1
01/09 Sat	4:00 pm	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
01/10 Sun	8:00 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Communion Service/ Sanctuary



**FOR A CHUCKLE:**

Q. What do you call something that is Brown and Sticky?  
A. A Stick!!!



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** "A new year can begin only because the old year ends."-Madeleine L'Engle



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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.