

December 23-24, 2023
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are very happy that you are here to worship with us today. Trinity Lutheran Church and Nursery School believes that we are called to be "ALWAYS GROWING IN CHRIST" and we want to do everything possible to help you grow. We pray that the Gospel you hear today will take root in your life and do just that, grow.

THE LORD'S TABLE: We believe that the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. If you believe likewise, please join us at the altar when it is time to celebrate this holy meal. Even if you do not believe as we do, we still welcome all adults and children to come forward at Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor. Just decline the wafer at Holy Communion and Pastor will give you a blessing. Please note, the center ring of the tray of individual cups is non-alcoholic wine.

Treasurer's Update

Rec'd last week: \$6602.00 (as of 11/30): (\$27,679.23)
YTD Income (as of 11/30): \$395,294.76 YTD Expense as of 11/30): \$422,973.99
Giving Tuesday to date: \$24,301.00 (Giving continues until December 31st)

Attendance Saturday 14, communed 14; Sunday 72 communed 62

ALTAR FLOWERS In thankfulness and praise from Kirk Golz

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The First Sunday after Christmas. The sermon is titled "Go in Peace," and the hymn of the day is "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" (LSB 211). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Old Testament	Isaiah 61:10—62:3	<i>Zion's Coming Salvation</i>
Epistle	Galatians 4:4-7	<i>Sons and Heirs</i>
Gospel (sermon text)	Luke 2:22-40	<i>Jesus Presented at the Temple</i>

ADVENT HYMN (Sat, Dec 23) The verses of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" are based on seven antiphons, one for each day between December 17 and 23. The "O" antiphons (signifying a direct address to Christ) are performed before and after the Magnificat in the Vespers services on these seven days. The final antiphon for December 23—Emmanuel—is the most famous and also the most specific, as it refers to Christ as a human child (Isaiah 7:14).

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS –

The office will be closed from Fri Dec 22nd thru Tuesday Dec. 26th for Christmas.
The office will be closed from Fri Dec 29th thru Tuesday Jan 2nd for the New Year's holiday.

ADVENT WORSHIP TIMES:

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec 24th – 12:00 (noon), 7:00 pm (no morning services)
Christmas Day Monday, Dec 25th – 10:00 am
Saturday, December 30th – 4:30 PM
Sunday, Dec 31st – 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM and 7:00 pm (Eve of the Name of Jesus)
Epiphany Saturday, January 6th – 4:30 PM (in the sanctuary)

SAVE THE DATE for **Sunday, December 31 at 7:00 pm** . . . Trinity's worship service will feature a hymn sing of beloved Christmas carols. Hope to see you there!

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, January 6, at 4:30 pm. Come celebrate the day that Jesus was revealed as the savior of the world.

DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED We are in need of a delivery person for the Food Pantry on a bi-weekly basis. They are open M-W-F from 9am-11:45am and Wednesdays from 5-6pm. If you think this would work with your schedule, please give Donna Heuser a call at 630-913-6631 or email her at heuser.donna@gmail.com

LUTHERAN WITNESS - If you would like to renew or start a new subscription of *The Lutheran Witness*, the rate is **\$20.65**. Checks are payable to Trinity with *The Lutheran Witness* in the memo line. New subscriptions and renewals are due to the church office **by Tues, Jan 17th**. Please advise the church office if you wish to cancel your subscription.

FLOWERS are needed beginning **Jan 14th**. Please mark your envelope "Altar Flowers" with your donation of **\$30.00**.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, women's Bible study is meeting in The Trinity Center on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 PM to study the book of Proverbs. Learn about the way of wisdom and the way of the fool. Ladies, you're all invited.

GIFTS OF STOCKS & BONDS Donating appreciated securities is an easy & tax effective way to make a tithe to Trinity. The benefits include: avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock, receive a charitable income tax deduction, and make a lasting impact on the missions of Trinity. If you have a question or are interested in making this happen, please see Bonnie Dale or Debra Banks, Stewardship Committee members.

ADOPT-A-BILL: Stewardship is requesting your help in sponsoring some of Trinity's bills in an effort to keep from having a budget deficit at the end of the year. This quarter's highlighted bills are **Electric (\$625/mo.) & Trash (\$200/mo.)**. Please consider helping by entirely or partially adopting payment towards one of these bills (you can note this on your Property Maintenance envelope or in your eOffering). Thank you!

HOMEBOUND

Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah Bychowski
Beacon Hill: John & Connie Graham, LaVera Levin, Lowell & Judy Pals
Brighton Gardens, Whtn: Bill Rothenburger The Bickford, Aurora: Grace Finke
Lacey Creek: Judy Sheridan Lexington Elmhurst: Eileen Reese

AT HOME: Greg & Sue Bukowski, Pastor & Carol Drews, Ron & Betty Edwards, Georgianna Ryl, Tom Saunders, Edith Schneider, Marcy Seils, Strength and patience for all the caregivers.

IN NEED OF HEALING: Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Phyllis McCurdy (Sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan).
We pray for peace throughout the world.

FOR THE CHURCH:

Seminarian: Jackson Scofield Bishops: Matthew Harrison and Jamison Hardy
Missionaries to the Dominican Republic-Rev. Dr. Jonathon and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann
Jay and Julie Dass, Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan
Morren Chelsi Lempas (Youth sponsored child from Indonesia) Asian Indian Ministry

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Commander in Chief – President Joseph Biden
Adam Biladeau, Matt Boudro, Noah Brockie, Peter Halpin (son of Dan & Rhonda Halpin),
Cameron Littleton (Traci Dale Maher's brother-in-law), Matt & Mary Macella (grandchildren of Arlene Johnson), Josh Preisel (grandson of Alice Bezik), Ella Sperry (granddaughter of Cliff & Olinda Sperry), Paul Stahlke, Quentin Stubbs.

BIRTHDAYS 25- Chris Bennin, Ryne Gerstner, Donna Stubbs
26- Carol Drews, Elizabeth Scherer, Griffin Scofield **27-**Riley Peacock **30-** Michael Warpool

ANNIVERSARIES: 29-Pastor & Pam Allyn

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 24th:

Sunday: **CHRISTMAS EVE Worship 12:00 PM** (FaceBook Live) & **7:00 PM**
Monday: **CHRISTMAS DAY Worship 10:00 AM**
Tuesday: 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Rest Your Soul 8:00 AA
Wednesday: **NO** Bible Study **NO** Youth 6:30-Growing in Prayer
Thursday: **NO** Choir
Friday:
Saturday: **Worship 4:30 PM**

THOSE WHO SERVE December 23rd 4:30 PM:

Keyboard: Kurt Linstead
Acolytes: Garrett May
Ushers: Craig Musa
Altar Guild Cindy Weber

THOSE WHO SERVE December 24th Christmas Eve:

Organ: **12:00 PM & 7:00 PM** Mary Stahlke
Ensemble: **12:00 PM & 7:00 PM** Jubilate Choir, Bells of Praise
Instrumentalists: **12:00 & 7:00PM** Christine Phillips, oboe & Paul Phillips, trombone
Vocalists: **12:00 PM** Art Biladeau, Jim Bruschuk, Kate Ilcken, Jonathan Stahlke
 7:00 PM A. Biladeau, C. Crandell, D. Rogers, C. Marchewka, J. Stahlke
Lay Assistants: **12:00** Donna Stubbs & Jodie Esposito
 7:00 Henry Meier & Jackson Scofield
Acolytes: **12:00** Caleb Ilcken **7:00** Hank Pavlovsky
Ushers: **12:00** Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Josh & Erin Bruschuk, Neal Rogers
 7:00 - Gary Buehre &, Rich Kumnick
Greeters: **12:00** Bonnie Dale **7:00** Donna Heuser
Altar Guild Marilyn Felz, Donna Heuser

THOSE WHO SERVE December 25th Christmas Day 10:00 AM:

Organ: Mary Stahlke
Acolytes: Lorelai May
Greeters: Marilyn Bloechle
Vocalists: A. Biladeau, C. Crandell, K. Ilcken, D. Rogers, Pastor Rogers, J. Stahlke, M. Stahlke
Lay Assistants: D. Devermann & J. Dorn
Ushers: Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong

THOSE WHO SERVE December 31st:

Keyboard/Organ: 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead

8am & 10:30am James Robinson-Parran

Lay Assistants: 8:00 Darren Taylor 10:30 Gloria Marchewka

Acolytes: 8:00 Cruz Collins 10:30 Garrett May

Ushers: 4:30 Craig Musa

8:00 Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel

10:30 Gary Buehre &, Rich Kumnick

Greeters: 8:00 Celeste Golz 10:30 Bob & Diane Devermann

Altar Guild Carol Boettger, Judy Buehre, Marilyn Felz

THOSE WHO SERVE December 31st 7:00 PM

Keyboard/Organ: Kurt Linstead

Acolytes: Hank Pavlovsky

Ushers: Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, Chris Gore

THOSE WHO SERVE January 6th Epiphany 4:30 PM - Sanctuary:

Organ: Kurt Linstead

Vocalists: Art Biladeau, Greg Billing, Jonathan Stahlke

Acolytes: Cruz Collins

Ushers: S. Golz, D. Apuzzo, D. Apuzzo, N. Rodenbostel