

December 9-10, 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: \$12,543.00 (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: \$23,151.00 (Giving continues until December 31st)

Attendance Saturday 14, communed 14; Sunday 76 communed 66

ALTAR FLOWERS – In thankfulness and praise from Kirk Golz

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

BAPTISM BLESSINGS Blessings on the baptism of Charlotte Lee Collins, daughter of Thadius & Ashley Collins. Her sponsors are India Longo & Alexandra Sutton.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate The Third Sunday in Advent. The sermon is titled "What Do You Expect?" and the hymn of the day is "When All the World Was Cursed" (LSB 346). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Introit	Ps. 85:8-9, 12-13	<i>Revive Us Again</i>
Old Testament	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	<i>The Year of the Lord's Favor</i>
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	<i>Benediction</i>
Gospel (sermon text)	John 1:6-8, 19-28	<i>The Testimony of John the Baptist</i>

HYMN OF THE DAY is "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (LSB 347) by the German pastor and theologian Johann Gottfried Olearius (1635-1711). It is versification of Isaiah 40:1-5, which opens a large and final group of prophecies in Isaiah (chapters 40-66). "Comfort Ye My People" was translated into English by the well-known and prolific hymnologist Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). The anonymous tune FREU DICH SEHR was first published in 1561 in a Genevan psalm book, and is also known as GENEVA 42.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant, \$20.00 foiled, for the altar for Christmas please forward your request to the church office in an envelope marked "**Christmas Poinsettia**" with your name. Plants may be picked up after the 10:00 am service on Christmas Day. Orders are due by **Monday, December 11th**.

DECEMBER 13 & 20 @ 5:30-6:30 ADVENT DINNERS: The youth will serve dinner before the Advent worship services. Sign-ups are coming soon for those who'd like to help out by donating to the meals.

Come join the **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS PIZZA & BINGO PARTY, December 20th @ 11am** (immediately following Pastor Allyn's Bible Study). Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

ADVENT WORSHIP TIMES:

Wednesday, December 13th & 20th – 7:00 PM (dinner at 5:30 PM)
Saturday, December 23rd – 4:30 PM (Advent 4)
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)

BRING A BELL ON CHRISTMAS EVE Feel free to bring a bell to the 12 noon or 7 pm service on **December 24**. The congregation is asked to ring bells for the Christmas carol "Joy to 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.

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.

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: Pastor & Carol Drews, Ron & Betty Edwards, Georgianna Ryl, Edith Schneider, Marcy Seils, Strength and patience for all the caregivers.

IN NEED OF HEALING: Greg Bukowski, Grace Finke, Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Jerry Juzwiak, Kara Lentine (cousin of Margaret Cotterill), Michael McCleavy (friend of Elaine Bruschk), Phyllis McCurdy (Sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan), Laura Nettlet on, (daughter of Alice Bezik), Tom Saunders, Betty Sennholtz-Graham (mom of Gloria Marchewka), Liz Suriano, Laurie Trapp (niece of Judy Wardo), Judy Wardo.
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
Pastor Sifuentes and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in the city

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

BIRTHDAYS 10- Dana Campagna, Matthew Wolski **11-** Mary Doerring
12- Nancy Busse, Kate Nack, Tate Scofield, Kyle Stolzman **13-**John Benzin
14-Steven Buehre, Vicki Johnson **15-** Lisa Thompson **16-** Aubrey Maher

ANNIVERSARIES: 12-Andrew & Samantha Thompson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 10th:

Sunday: Worship 8:00 AM (FaceBook Live) **& 10:30 AM**
Monday: 1:00-Al Anon 7:00 Women's Bible Study
Tuesday: 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Rest Your Soul 8:00 AA
Wednesday: Worship 7:00 PM 10:00-Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation
5:30 Soup Supper 8:00 Big House 6:30-Growing in Prayer
Thursday: 7:00 Choir
Friday:
Saturday: Worship 4:30 PM

THOSE WHO SERVE December 10th:

Keyboard / Organ: 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke
Vocalists: 8:00 Kate Ilcken **10:30** Christy Crandell
Lay Assistants: 8:00 Henry Meier **10:30** John Dorn & Carlo Airdo
Acolytes: 8:00 Hank Pavlovsky **10:30** Lorelai 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** Marilyn Bloechle
Altar Guild Denise Airdo, Marilyn Bloechle

THOSE WHO SERVE December 13th 7:00 PM:

Organ: Mary Stahlke
Ensemble: Jubilate Choir
Acolytes: Cruz Collins
Ushers: Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong

