

**December 16-17, 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: \$13,519.00 (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: \$23,701.00 (Giving continues until December 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Attendance** Saturday 30, communed 20; Sunday 75 communed 69

**ALTAR FLOWERS** In honor of Isaac Ryan King on his birthday from Darren & Erin Taylor

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

**NEXT SATURDAY AT 4:30 PM** we celebrate The Fourth Sunday in Advent. The sermon is titled "Mary Couldn't Find Her Glasses!" and the hymn of the day is "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" (LSB 356). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Old Testament	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	<i>The Lord's Covenant with David</i>
Epistle	Romans 16:25-27	<i>Doxology</i>
Gospel (sermon text)	Luke 1:26-38	<i>Birth of Jesus Foretold</i>

**CLOSING HYMN** is "Prepare the Royal Highway" (LSB 343) by the pastor and bishop Frans Michael Franzén (1772-1847). Franzén was educated in Turku, Finland, at the Swedish-language University of Abo, where he became Librarian and Professor of Literary History. He then served in several ecclesiastical positions in Sweden, concluding as bishop of Hernösand (north of Stockholm on the Gulf of Bothnia). "Prepare the Royal Highway" is almost always sung to the dance-like Swedish tune BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, first published in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS PIZZA & BINGO PARTY, Dec20th @ 11am** (following Pastor Allyn's Bible Study). Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

**DECEMBER 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.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS –**

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

**ADVENT WORSHIP TIMES:**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 PM (dinner at 5:30 PM)  
**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 4:30 PM (Advent 4)  
**Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** – 12:00 (noon), 7:00 pm (no morning services)  
**Christmas Day Monday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 am  
**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** – 4:30 PM  
**Sunday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>** – 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."

**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!

**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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please advise the church office if you wish to cancel your subscription.

**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:** 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 Bruschuk), Phyllis McCurdy (Sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan), Laura Nettleton, (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 Littleton (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 17-**Dawn Carroll, John Serna  
**18-** Elizabeth Bruschuk, Michael Bruschuk, Sara Bruschuk, Dave Heuser  
**19-**Diane Bruschuk, Maxwell Johnson      **20-**Pam Allyn, Michael Richardson  
**22-**Theodore Thompson, Eric Wilder

**ANNIVERSARIES: 18-** Kate & Frank Ilcken

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 17<sup>th</sup>:

**Sunday:**      **Worship 8:00 AM** (FaceBook Live) & **10:30 AM**  
**Monday:**      1:00-Al Anon  
**Tuesday:**      6:00 Bible Study      8:00 AA  
**Wednesday:**      **Worship 7:00 PM**      10:00-Bible Study      **NO** Confirmation  
5:30 Soup Supper      8:00 Big House      6:30-Growing in Prayer  
**Thursday:**      7:00 Choir      7:00 Daughters of the King  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:**      **Worship 4:30 PM**      **Advent 4**

### THOSE WHO SERVE December 17<sup>th</sup>:

**Keyboard / Organ:** **4:30pm** – Kurt Linstead      **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke  
**Vocalists:**      **8:00** Jim Bruschuk      **10:30** Greg Billing  
**Lay Assistants:**      **8:00** Darren Taylor      **10:30** Kate Ilcken & Rich Kumnick  
**Acolytes:**      **8:00** Jacob Bruschuk      **10:30** Caleb Ilcken  
**Ushers:**      **4:30** Bert Dale      **8:00** Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock  
                                 **10:30** Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore  
**Greeters:**      **8:00** Olinda & Cliff Sperry      **10:30** Carol Edwards  
**Altar Guild**      Diane Devermann, Donna Heuser

### THOSE WHO SERVE December 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM:

**Organ:** Mary Stahlke      **Ensemble:** Jubilate Choir      **Acolytes:** Lorelai May  
**Ushers:** Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 PM:**

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

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve:**

**Organ:** 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM Mary Stahlke  
**Ensemble:** 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM Jubilate Choir, Bells of Praise, Voices of Praise  
**Instrumentalists:** 12:00 & 7:00PM Christine Phillips, oboe & Paul Phillips, trombone  
**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 - Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong  
**Greeters:** 12:00 Bonnie Dale      7:00 Donna Heuser  
**Altar Guild** Marilyn Felz, Donna Heuser

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** Diane Devermann & John Dorn  
**Ushers:** Gary Buehre &, Rich Kumnick

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**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