

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

December 1, 2024

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of Advent**

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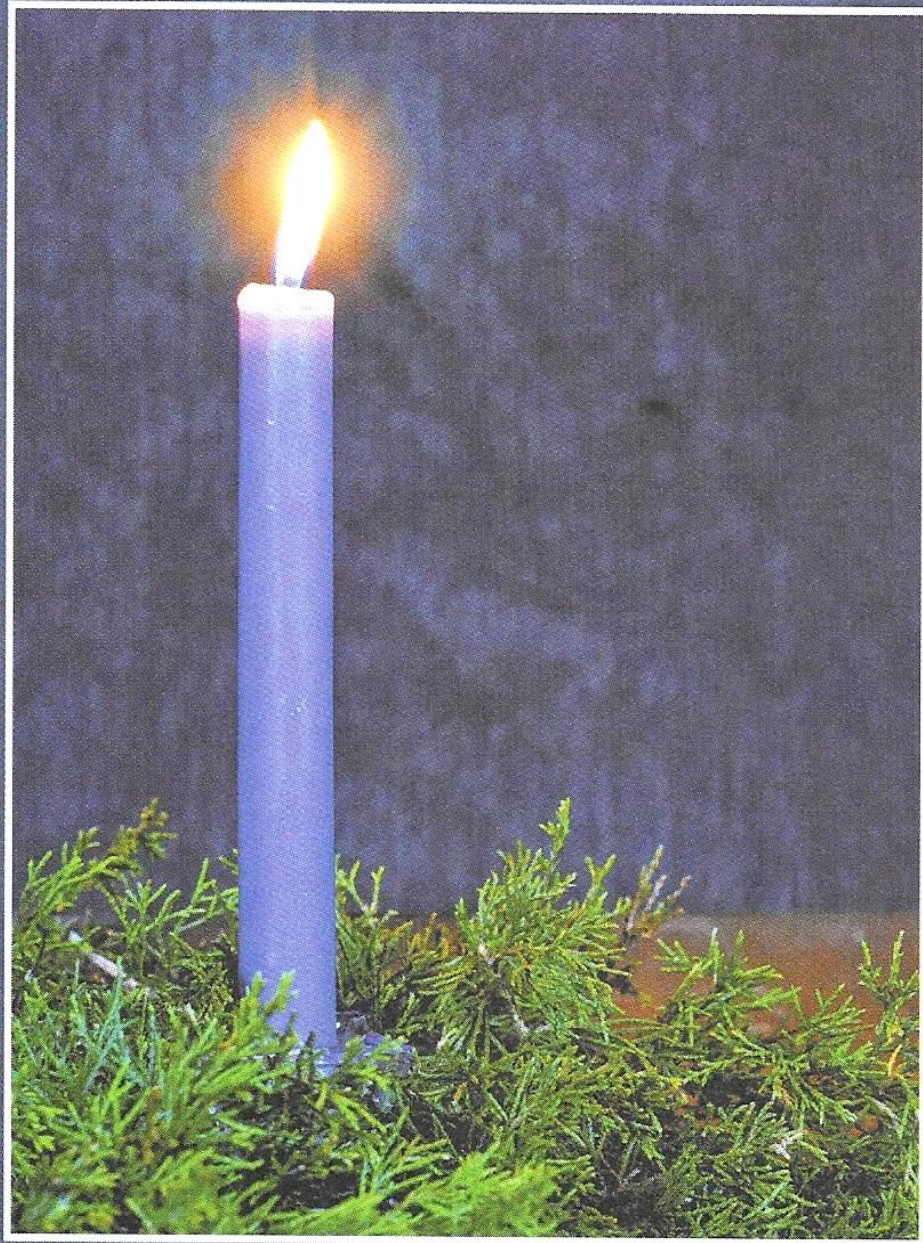
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# HOPE



*I will cause a righteous Branch  
to spring up for David*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~HOLY COMMUNION~SETTING 4  
9:00 a.m. DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

**“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”**



*Christ Welcomes All to this House of Worship! Today we begin a new Church Year as gather on this First Sunday in Advent in wait of Christ who came, who comes to us now through Word & Sacrament, and who is coming again. Today we light the “Candle of Hope” on the Advent Wreath reminding us how God comes to those least expected. May the power of the Spirit help us receive Him who brings you good tidings of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.*

*We Thank God for guests & visitors and pray you will receive a special blessing today as we go forth together to love and serve others. If you are worshipping in person and unvaccinated, thanks for keeping your mask on over your nose and mouth all the time you are in the building. You help protect us all.*

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**GATHERING**

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**WE PREPARE...** *Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

**PRELUDE /BELL/CALL TO WORSHIP**

**TRINITY CHOIR**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

The King Shall Come

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Refrain*  
 Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The first reading is Jeremiah chapter 33, verses 14-16.

*The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."*

The Word of the Lord     **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The second reading is 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians chapter 3, verses 9-13.

*How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.*

*Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Light One Candle

(vs. 1) ELW #240



1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

**GOSPEL READING**

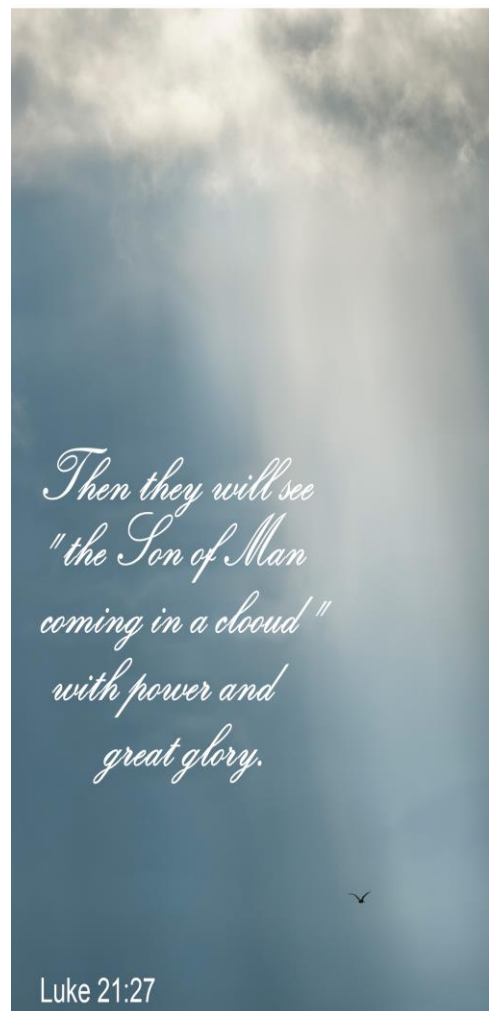
Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

*Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

*Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."*



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor David Nissen

SONG OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

# CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess the unity of our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** respond after Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW #679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

(The Ushers bring up the offering)

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## MEAL

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### COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

### THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF JESUS

### 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)*



## PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### DEPARTING BLESSING

And now my brothers and sisters, by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*Sent Forth with God's Blessing*

ELW #547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Ryder Braun	
Reader	Cheryl Neidt	
Communion Assistants	David Vosbeck at the rail	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Keith & Sarah Lendt	
Ushers	Mark Miller, Mike Petersen	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



We send our Deepest Sympathies to Shari Hittesdorf and the family and friends of **Sharon “Boots” Remus**, who passed away on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. She was laid to rest with a private service on Saturday. God bless the memory of Sharon Remus.



**IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA** for \$14.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. You have the option of ordering a red, white, or pink poinsettia. Please specify when you sign up. You are welcome to take your plant following the Christmas Eve services on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT DOUBLE BATCH** or two of your favorite Christmas cookies to donate to the cookie walk. Our sale is in the library on Sunday morning, December 12<sup>th</sup>, following the Christmas Program. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen Friday or Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm** if possible. **We need everyone's help to help those in need!**



**LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED Tuesday, December 10th** between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Please sign up in the office. Come when you can! Please spread the word to your family and friends about this great bake sale. Our goodies will be available Sunday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 276-8013. **All proceeds go to people in need with supplemental funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!**

# It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes

Thank you for taking the Christmas Food Boxes for the families of our weekend food kids. There are those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 56 children on weekends from 40 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school. Our FFA students will provide a fleece blanket for each family as well as personal care products for each family.



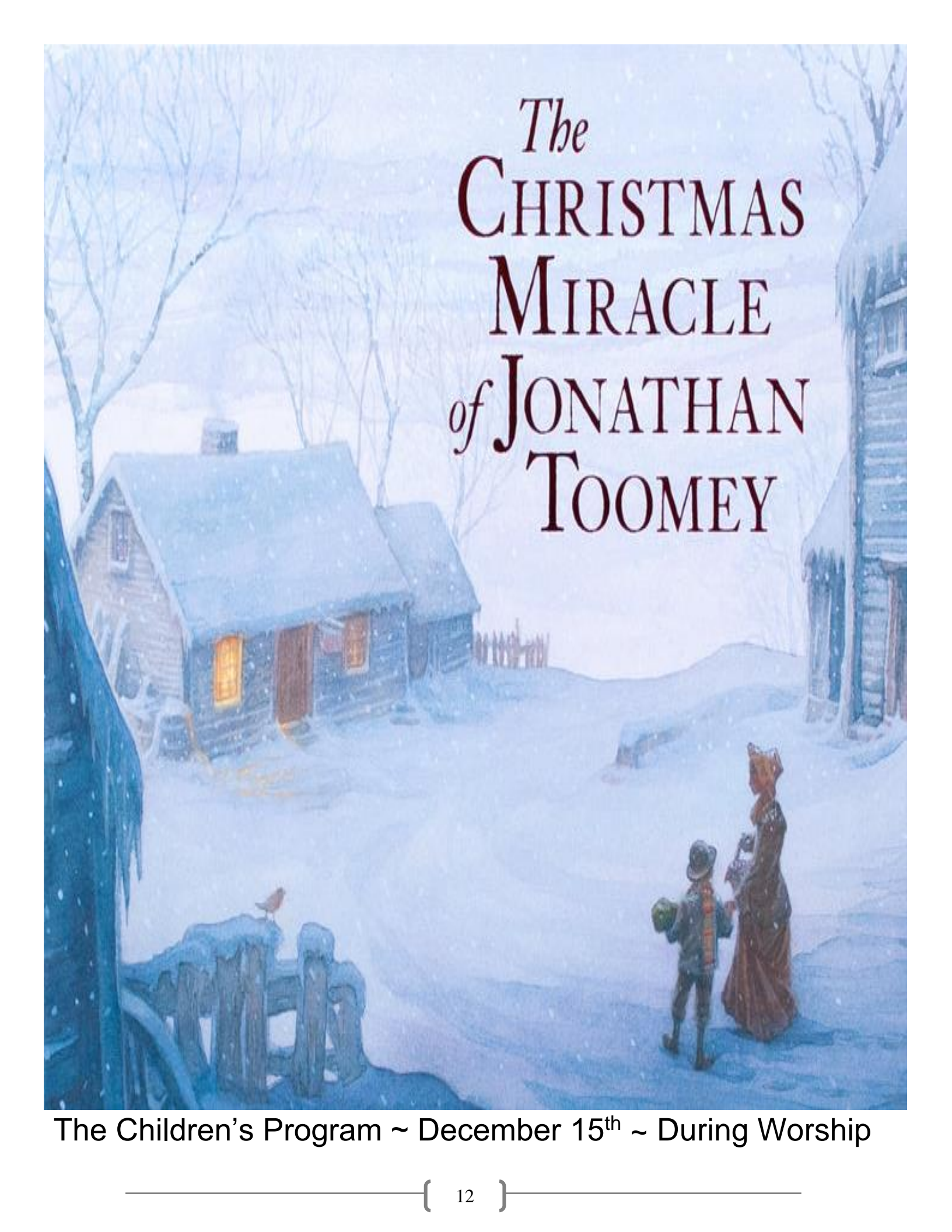
## Here's what to do:

1. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
2. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 8th.
3. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt, Sandy Beito, Kari Schmidt and Sarah Lendt



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Welcome Pastor Dave!</b> 9 am Holy Communion 10:10 am Fellowship Hour 	<b>2</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm AA	<b>4</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Church School 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Confirmation	<b>5</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Board of Education	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Installation of Pastor Dave</b> 9 am Worship  10:10 am WELCOME BRUNCH for Pastor Dave	<b>9</b> 9 am Quilting Are you baking for the Cookie Walk Yet? It's our way of helping so many people in need in our area! 	<b>10</b> 4-8 pm Join Us!  Are you baking for the Cookie Walk Yet? It's our way of helping so many people in need in our area! 6:30 pm AA	<b>11</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park 4:30 pm Parish Planning Council  6 pm Church School 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Confirmation	<b>12</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study Are you baking for the Cookie Walk Yet? It's our way of helping so many people in need in our area! 	<b>13</b> Drop off Cookie Walk Goodies In the Kitchen! 	<b>14</b> Wedding IN THE CHURCH FAMILY  Drop off Cookie Walk Goodies In the Kitchen by 4 pm
<b>15 Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am Children's Program  10 am Cookie Walk  11 am Breaking Bread Together	<b>16</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>17</b> 7 am-Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AA	<b>18</b> 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Church School Event 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Confirmation Caroling 	<b>19</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b> Dec. Tidings Articles Due	<b>21</b>  First Day of Winter
<b>22</b> 9 am Worship 10:10 am Fellowship Hour 	<b>23</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>24 Holy Communion</b> Christmas Eve Worship  5:00 PM	 Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Office Closed 7 am Men's Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am Worship 	<b>30</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>31</b> 	 New Year's Day			

A soft, painterly illustration of a winter scene. In the foreground, a snow-covered wooden fence has a small red bird perched on it. To the left, a rustic log cabin with a snow-laden roof has a warm light glowing from its windows. In the background, bare trees stand against a pale, overcast sky. In the lower right, a man in a dark coat and hat walks alongside a woman in a long, dark, flowing dress, both carrying items. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

*The*  
CHRISTMAS  
MIRACLE  
*of* JONATHAN  
TOOMEY

The Children's Program ~ December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ During Worship



# Holiday Bake Sale

The Trinity Women of the ELCA

Invite everyone to attend our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

10:00 ~ 11:00

Following the Christmas Program

Held at

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

217 Brackenridge SW, Sleepy Eye

Proceeds Will Go To People In Need

Supplemental Funds Provided By Thrivent Action Team

December 1, 2024

## One day the whole world will see Jesus return.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3	Hope for the end times
Tuesday	Zechariah 14:1-9	God will come to rule
Wednesday	Matthew 24:29-31	Be ready for that day
Thursday	Luke 21:25-36	Be alert for that day
Friday	Revelation 14:13	Stay faithful to Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 110	The Lord's rule
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	John the Baptist prepares the way



### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

***“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”*** Mark 13:26 (NIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for your words of grace and peace, which never pass away. Amen. (Mark 1:31; 1 Corinthians 1:8)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our Savior we watch and we wait. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you strong in your faith until Jesus comes again. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:8)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were waiting for something or someone.
- Jesus said that one day he would return to our world with great power and glory. Is Jesus' return something you look forward to? Why?
- Jesus said, "My words will never pass away." (Mark 13:31) What words of Jesus are especially important to you?

### DEVOTIONS

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent. Using four blue or purple candles and a white center candle, set up a home Advent wreath. In your household devotion times this week, light the first candle and use the following words:

*The first candle on our Advent wreath is the PROPHECY CANDLE. Long ago, God promised to send a Savior. He used prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah to give people hope for the future.* (Light the first candle.)

Have a household member read Isaiah 9:6. Then say this prayer together, repeating after the leader:

*Lord God, thank you for keeping the promises you made through the prophets and sending us a Savior. Fill us with hope as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. Amen.*

### SERVICE

At Christmas time, we remember that God gave himself in Christ to the world to save us. In response, we are called to give to those less fortunate. This week, start purchasing non-perishable grocery items to donate to a local food pantry or charity serving needy persons or families. Set aside a special box for these items and add to it each week of Advent. When it is full, wrap up your gift, attach a Christmas card and make your donation. Pray for those people it will assist.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

With the beginning of the new church year in Advent, the church hears a new set of readings from the Bible (the main Gospel used this year will be Mark). Gather together all the Bibles in your home and use this prayer of blessing:

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Bible, and especially for the good news about Jesus our Savior. As we read, listen to and think about what the Bible says to us in this new church year, make us into people who are strong in our faith and full of love. Amen.*

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***Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions***



## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	115
Website	33
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$10,671.63
November Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed)	\$26,514.48
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$228,707.37
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$263,632.00

**We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!**

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

*Pray for Trinity*...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

*Pray for the Church*...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

*Pray for our World*...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

*Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering*...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Kelsey, Sheila, Linda, Jerry, Grazie, Sandy, Larry, Krista, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Molly, Patricia, Nancy, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, John, Lois, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

*Pray for the beloved*... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... Especially Sheila and Jackie Nessett in the loss of their husband and father, **Greg** and the family and friends of **Sharon "Boots" Remus**...that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

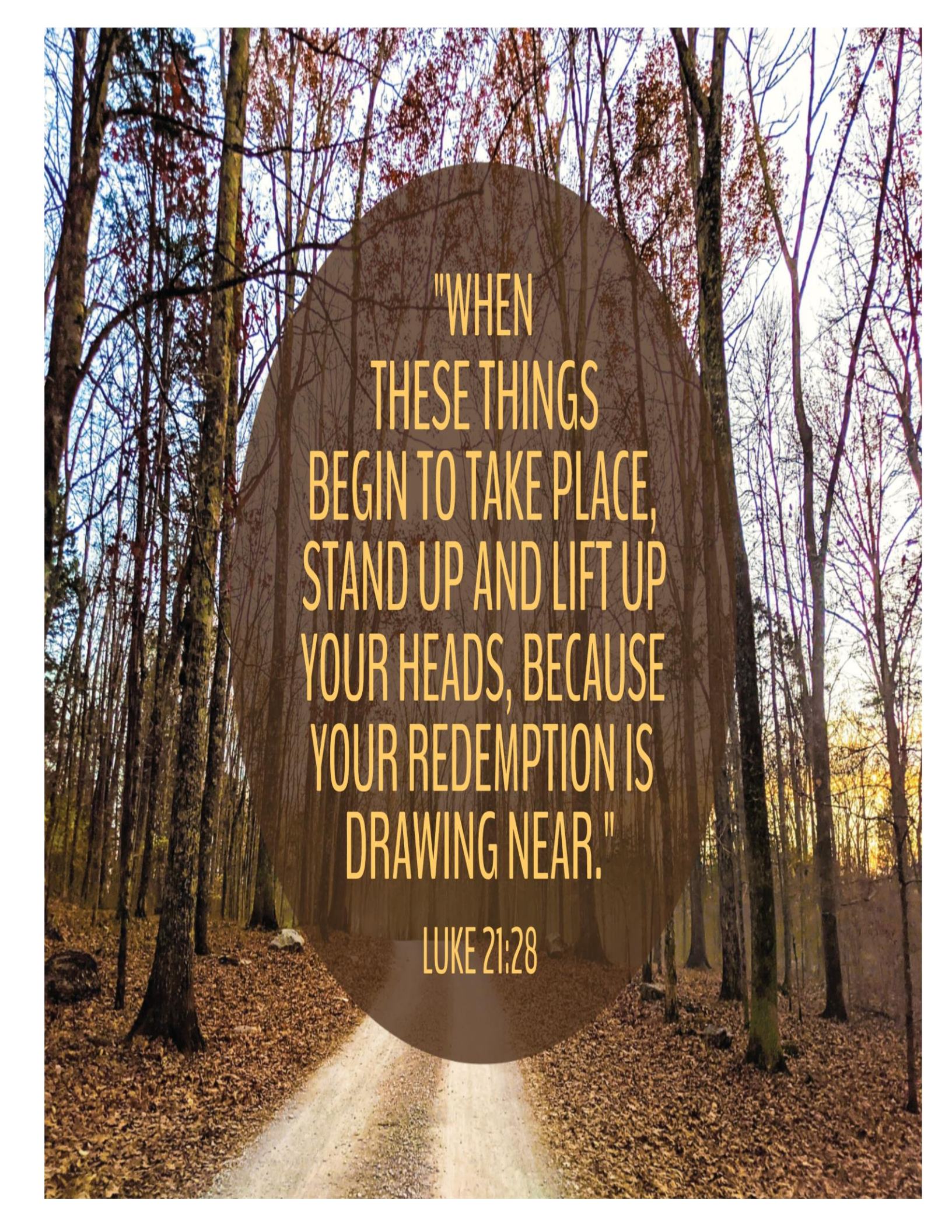
*Pray for all families*...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

*Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home*...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

*Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)*...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The trees are mostly bare, with some autumn-colored leaves still on the branches. The ground is covered in fallen brown leaves. A large, semi-transparent circular overlay is centered on the path, containing text in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

"WHEN  
THESE THINGS  
BEGIN TO TAKE PLACE,  
STAND UP AND LIFT UP  
YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE  
YOUR REDEMPTION IS  
DRAWING NEAR."

LUKE 21:28