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*I will
praise
you*

NAME OF JESUS

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING 3

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 at 9:00am



ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP! *Our joy continues on this 8th Day of Christmas as we give thanks and praise to God, the Alpha and Omega, the only Son, the Light of the world whose name is Jesus. May the Word made flesh dwell within us, that you may be drawn to come and receive the promise of His presence and his gift of new life given and shed for you! The opportunity for fellowship and refreshments after worship await you in the Library. May the holy name of Jesus always be for you a sign and the assurance of your salvation!*

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services. Thanks.

PLEASE SIGN THE FRIENDSHIP PAD as it is passed to you during the time of Offering.

IF YOUR OFFERING is given by bank-pay, please use the cards in the pews as a sign of your offering in the plate.

PREFERENCE to receiving grape juice and/or gluten free bread is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *The observance of the 8th day of Christmas has roots in the 6th century emphasizing "The Circumcision and Name of Jesus." Every Jewish boy was circumcised and formally named on the 8th day of his life. Already in his youth, Jesus bears the mark of a covenant that he makes new through the shedding of his blood, now and on the cross. That covenant, like Jesus' name, is a gift that marks the children of God. Baptized into Christ, the church begins a New Year in Jesus' name.*

PRELUDE /PARISH NOTICES/ BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our life, our mercy, our might. **Amen.**

As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin...

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,

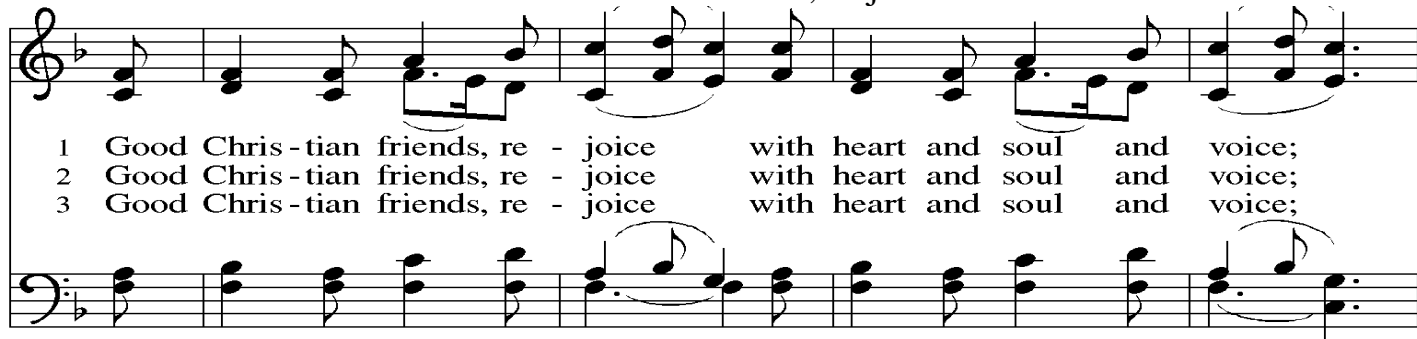
we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of ✠ Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen.**

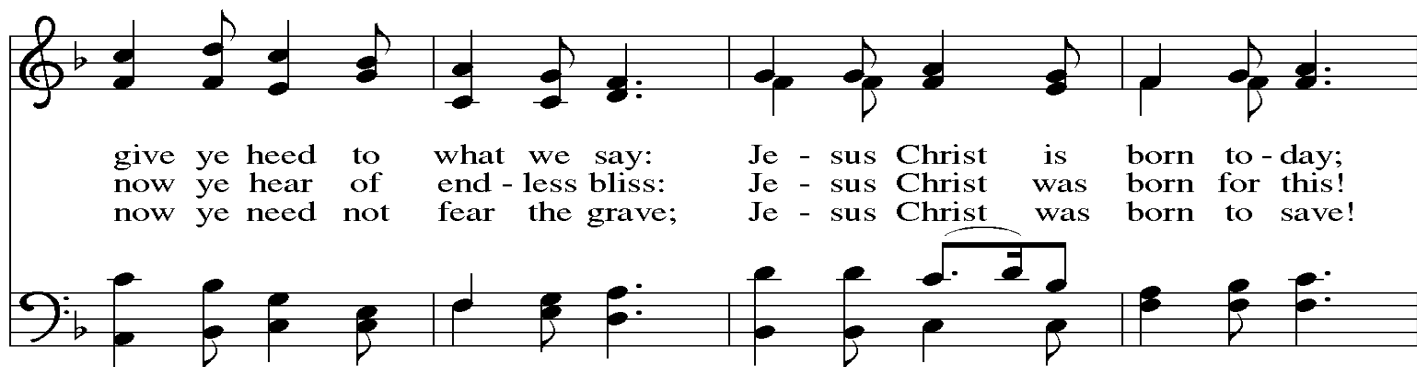
GATHERING SONG

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

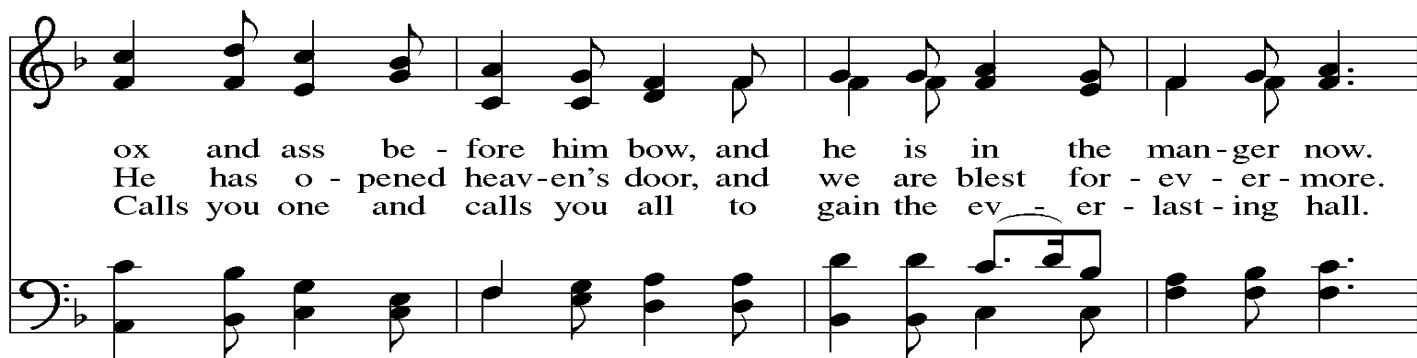
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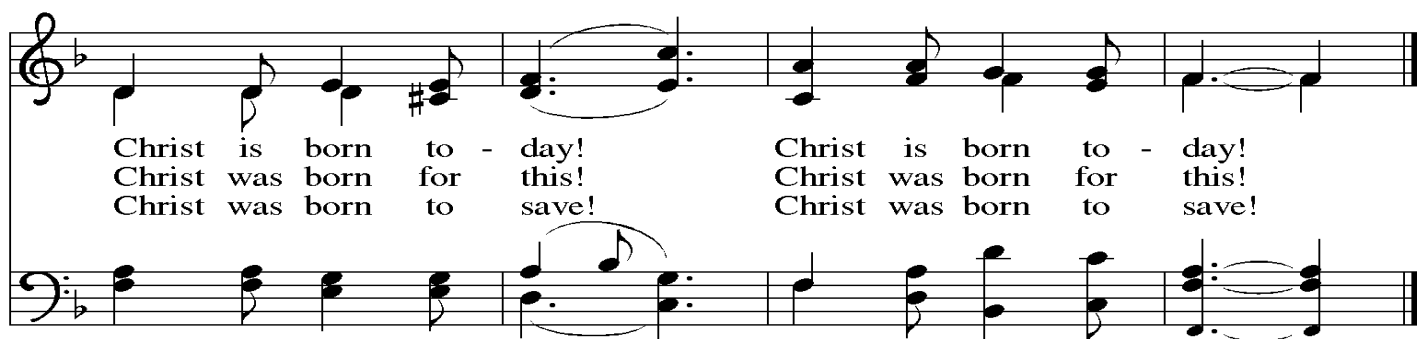
1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our
 salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 289 vs. 1

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.”**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who

heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason

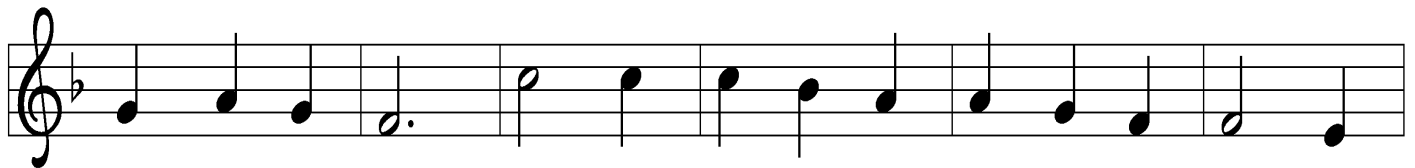
SONG OF THE DAY

Love Has Come

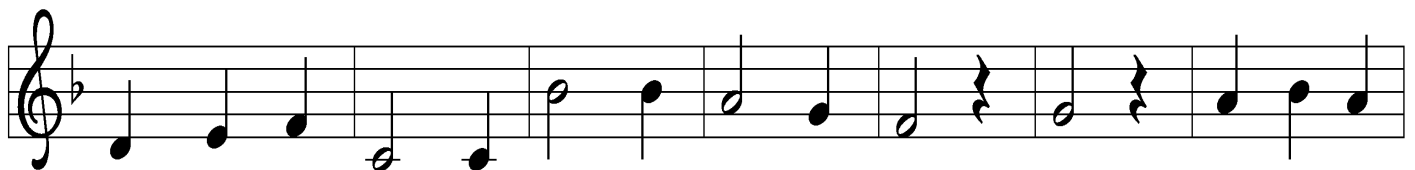
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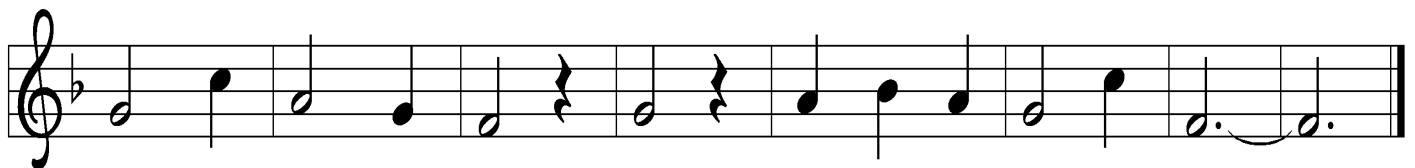
1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

CREED

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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

... Lord, send forth your light, And let your mercy shine upon us.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** (Due to illness, vocal only)

MEAL

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #487



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

COMMUNION BLESSING The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.

rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**



Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Megan Sellner	
Reader	Diane Evers	
Communion	Neil Neidt, Mark Miller, & Larry Baumgardt	
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen	
Greeter	Brian & Carol Poleski	
Ushers	Keith Lendt and Ed Ecker	
Altar Guild	Sarah Lendt and Mary Renberg	



*There will be NO Sunday School Today.
Classes resume Jan. 8th at 10:00am. See you then!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Guild is seeking additional members. Duties include light cleaning, setting up & cleaning up following communion services, handling floral arrangements, refilling candles, changing colors and other similar weekly tasks. For more information, please contact Joleen Dittbenner or leave your name and number in church office. Thank you.



ALL PERSONS WRITING REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT: Because we would like to have the Annual Reports available to the congregation before the Annual Meeting, **Sunday January 29th**, it is necessary to have all reports **in the office no later than January 9th**. It would be appreciated if you could submit them to Darlene via email.
(secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) Thank You.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In this season of gift giving to family friends and those less fortunate, we hope you will also consider your gift to Trinity Lutheran. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Go online to **www.trinitysleepyeye.org** and click on **ONLINE GIVING**. To help us achieve a more consistent level of funding, we encourage you to use electronic giving for your regular offerings.



January 1, 2023

God cares for us when we are sad or in trouble.

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	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt
Monday	Jeremiah 31:15-17	There is hope for your future
Tuesday	Isaiah 43:16-21	Do not dwell on the past
Wednesday	Revelation 21:1-6	God will make everything new
Thursday	Hosea 11:1,8-11	Out of Egypt I called my son
Friday	Isaiah 49:13-18	The Lord comforts his people
Saturday	Psalms 34:17-22	The Lord protects the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men worship Christ the King



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Lord said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me;” and so he became their Savior. Isaiah 63:8

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, you have done many good things for us. Help us to stay true to you. Amen. (Isaiah 63:7-8)

Mealtimes Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for keeping us safe and guiding the way, for meeting our needs each and every day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be loving and kind to you. May he lift you up and carry you all your life. Amen. (Isaiah 63:9)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What makes you happy? What makes you sad?
- A time of great sadness came to the town of Bethlehem soon after the visit of the wise men. (Matthew 2:16-18)
What do you do when you feel sad?
- How does faith in God help us when we are sad?

DEVOTIONS

While Jesus was still very young, his family fled to Egypt to escape from King Herod. There are many people in our world today who are forced to flee their homes because their countries have become unsafe for them—we call these people refugees. Find out more about refugees in our world today (e.g. look at the website www.refugeesinternational.org). Talk together about what it would be like to be a refugee and pray for those in such situations.

SERVICE

Who in your congregation or community is experiencing a time of sadness? Prepare “thinking of you” cards to send to them. Choose a Bible verse from this week’s readings to insert into the cards. Children may wish to draw a picture to include with them. To remind you to pray for those who are sad, write their names onto tissues and place these in your household worship area.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 148 calls on all of God’s creation to offer praise. Plan a household nature outing (e.g. visit a nature reserve, the beach or a conservatory). Take a few moments to read and listen to the words of this Psalm.

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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 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 and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on 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:	167
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$15,433.92
December Giving: (\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$44,455.94
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$273,173.75
Budget Contributions needed	\$298,063.65



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st

This Week's Prayer Concerns

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 **Audrey, Kali, Linda, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Donovan, Brianna, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, 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 **Deb Joramo** and her family in the loss of her mother, **Marian Tragner**, sister of **Alice Mae Hinderman** and **Ivan Groff** 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 joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

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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