

PEACE

Trinity Lutheran Church

December 8th,
2024

Second Sunday
of Advent

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Prepare the way before me

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING 4
INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DAVID NISSEN**

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, December 8th, 2024



The Living Christ Calls and Welcomes Everyone as We Gather on this Second Sunday of Advent. We pray, as we enter the presence of the Lord, He would send His Spirit to help us offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving in our service of worship.

We welcome Pastor Heather Culuris to Trinity as she installs Pastor David Nissen so that we may begin our work together... Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name. Amen!

GATHERING

WE PREPARE: *Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."*

PRELUDE/RINGING OF THE BELL/CALL TO WORSHIP

TRINITY CHOIR

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

The first reading is in Malachi 3:1–4 chapter 3, verses 1-4. The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") shall prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

The second reading is in Philippians chapter 1, verses 3-11. The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Light One Candle

(vs. 2) ELW #240

2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

*“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”*

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

SERMON

Pastor Heather Culuris

SONG OF THE DAY

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptists’ Cry

ELW #249

1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DAVID NISSEN

P: Having been authorized by the Church to install David Nissen, our co-worker in the Gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

L: We, of Trinity Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected David Nissen to be our Pastor. I present him for installation. [This letter certifies the call.]

Sit

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ says:* "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

And again: Jesus said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Hear the words addressed to Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

P: Pastor David Nissen, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, in faithful service and holy living?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

Stand

P: And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us. P: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: David Nissen, the office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The newly installed pastor kneels

P: The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The pastor stands ~ Congregation sits

The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the font, where a representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the pulpit, where a representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the altar, where a representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

L: People of God, I present to you David Nissen, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

(Welcome of Pastor David Nissen with applause!)



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 Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

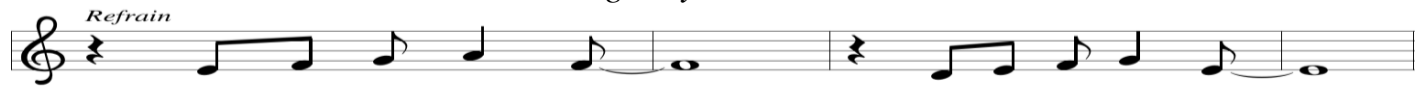
PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

Change My Heart O God

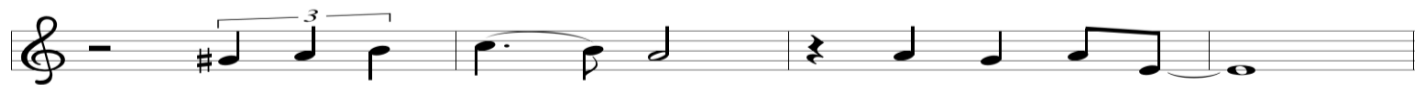
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Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

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 BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God who created you, the mercy of **+** Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

ELW# 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

| SUNDAY | | 9:00 am Worship |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accompanist | Mary Mulry | |
| Acolyte | Colton Case | |
| Reader | Terry Newgord | |
| Communion Assistants | Brian Polesky & Darlene Brummund | |
| Sound Tech | Russ Sorensen | |
| Greeters | Keith & Sarah Lentz | |
| Ushers | Mark Miller & Mike Petersen | |
| Altar Guild | Joleen Dittbenner | |



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. 12th. 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 24th.

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 15th, following the Christmas Program. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen Friday or Saturday, **December 14th by 3:00 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 15th. 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. Please return your 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.

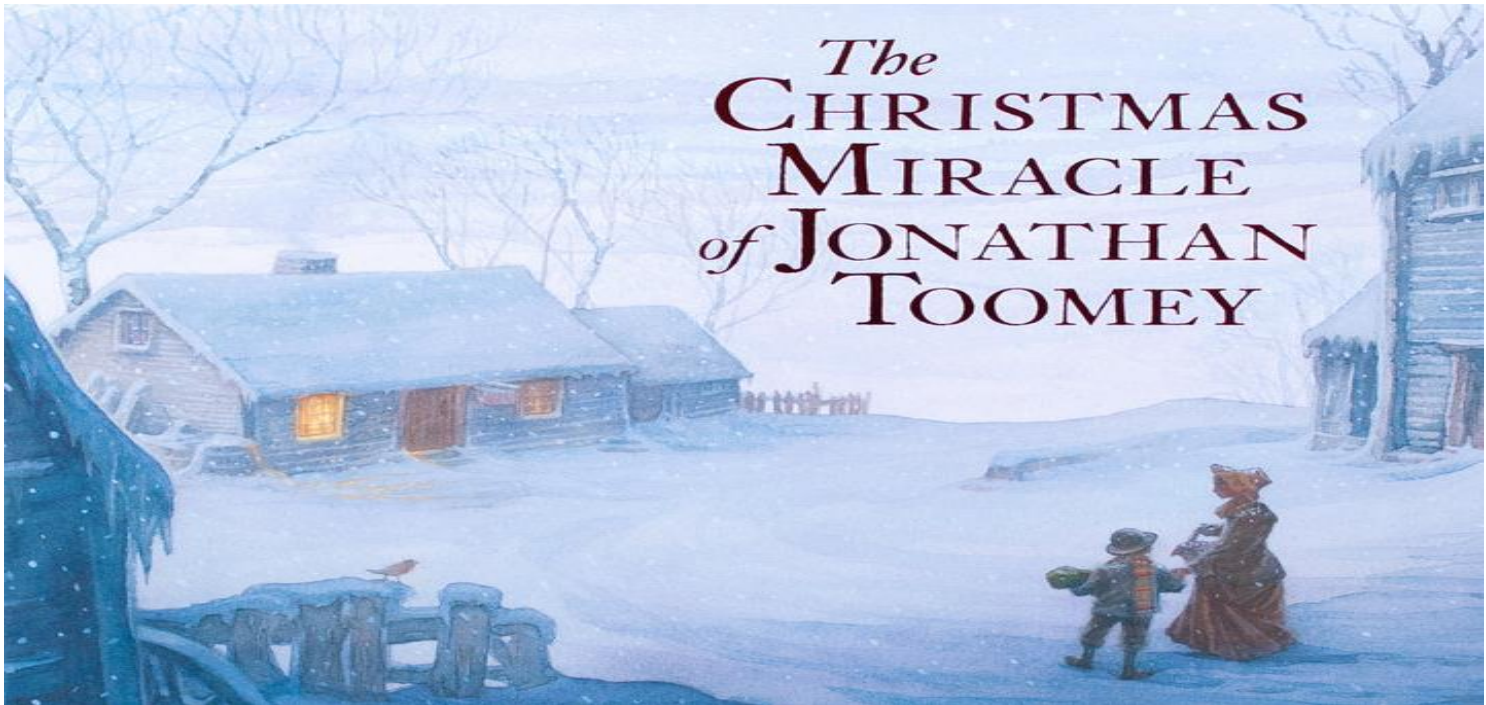
Your Social Ministries Board

Here's what to do:

1. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
2. Return your box to the narthex by TODAY.
3. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!



Thank you to Kathy & Larry Krenz for supplying the beautiful Children's Tree in the back of the Sanctuary. It is decorated with the faces of our Trinity Church School Children! The Children's ornaments can be picked up following the Children's Program.



The
**CHRISTMAS
MIRACLE**
of **JONATHAN
TOOMEY**

The Children's Program ~ December 15th ~ During Worship



Holiday Bake Sale

The Trinity Women of the ELCA
Invite everyone to attend our 34th Annual

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 15th

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



JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT & PAINT
CLASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:00-7:00PM

Parents and Kids Join us for a painting class
grades 3-6th with John Ebenhoh and
Christmas Craft for kids Prek-2nd grade
Christmas Treats are provided

SIGN UP IS REQUIRED NO LATER THEN DECEMBER 6TH
PLEASE USE THE REMIND APP OR TEXT 507-215-2866
PROJECTS WILL BE DIPLAYED FOR THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
FOR FAMILIES TO ADMIRE



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Financial needs of the Church update

Gods work with our hands is possible through the generosity of our faithful givers – thank you! Many exciting things are happening at Trinity; below we provide a broad overview of TLC's financial condition, ongoing needs and additional giving opportunities to help our mission be realized!

- **'24 Budget:** For December we need nearly \$69,000 to meet our \$298,000.00 budget, the total budget has been nearly unchanged for the prior two years.
 - December '23 you rallied and gave **\$89,000.00** which helped to improve our financial position, it would be great if we could do that this year which would also give us a good start on our '25 needs!
- **'25 Budget:** Budgeting process for '25 is underway. As indicated, our budget has changed little in the last three years, however we project increases will be required & will place the budget in a range of +/- \$315,000 (exact amount TBD). Some increases resulting from:
 - Our new fulltime Pastor
 - Property and liability insurance premiums.
 - Monthly utilities
 - Other misc. expenditures that were held in check the last several years.
 - **Please consider the challenge of increasing your giving by 5-10% to help support the work of God through renewed excitement growing in our Congregation!**
- **Building projects:** Several necessary building improvement projects are underway.
 - Electrical panel replacement, pedestrian ramp reconstruction, and possible other projects that are being discussed.
 - Member loan balance of \$10,000.00 plus interest obligation remains resulting from '22 building improvements.
 - Current available approximate building fund balance: \$25,000.00
 - **Additional information forth coming regarding projects noted above and the required amount of fundraising needed. Until then, please consider contributions to the building fund.**

Additional information will be forthcoming in the near future regarding all the topics above. Thanks again to our generous members!
Stewardship Bd.

December 8th, 2024

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Luke 3:1-6 | Prepare the way of the Lord |
| Monday | Isaiah 40:1-11 | A voice in the desert |
| Tuesday | Isaiah 57:14-19 | Prepare the road |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12 | Prepare the way for the people |
| Thursday | Zechariah 2:10-13 | The Lord will come to live among us |
| Friday | 1 Peter 1:13-16 | Be holy as I am holy |
| Saturday | Psalm 85 | Righteousness prepares the way |
| Sunday | Luke 3:7-18 | One more powerful is coming |



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him.” Luke 3:4

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, prepare your way in us. Set us straight where we are crooked and make us smooth where we are rough. Amen. (Luke 3:4-5)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, bless our home with joy this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your com-ing. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God fill you with love. May God help you to make good and loving choices, and keep you pure and holy. Amen. (Philippians 1:9-10)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- ☐ How are you preparing for Christmas? What will you do over the coming weeks to prepare?
- ☐ How does the Advent season of waiting bring joy to your life?

DEVOTIONS

Use this simple liturgy for lighting the second candle on your Advent wreath this week:

Leader: When Jesus was born an angel appeared to shepherds with “good news of great joy.” Our second Advent candle is the candle of joy. As we light it, let us celebrate the joy that Jesus gives us. (Light two candles.)

All: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us joy. Fill our home with joy this Advent. Amen.

SERVICE

Look through this list of ideas for sharing during Advent. Choose one or more to put into practice this week:

- ☐ Look through your clothes and toys for “pre-loved” items that are still in good condition.
Bundle them for delivery to a local thrift store.
- ☐ Bake cookies as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- ☐ Write an encouraging note to a friend you haven’t heard from in a while.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set out a Nativity scene but without the manger and baby Jesus. Place the Mary and Joseph figures far from the Nativity, remembering that the couple is traveling a great distance to reach Bethlehem. Each day during Advent, move Mary and Joseph a little closer to the Nativity. Place the baby Jesus in the Nativity scene on December 24th or 25th.

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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

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeline.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

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| Weekly Worship Attendance: | 109 |
| Church School & Confirmation | 63 |
| Website | 68 |
| Bible Studies Attendance: | 9+7 =16 |
| Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed) | \$5472.00 |
| December Giving: (\$28,650.00 .Needed) | \$5472.00 |
| Yearly Contributions to Date | \$234,170.37 |
| Amount needed to meet Budget | \$269,363.00 |

We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit Bless Pastor Dave in his work here and 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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