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**Second
Sunday
of Advent**

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Second Sunday of Advent



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022



The Living Christ Calls and Welcomes Everyone as We Gather on this Second Sunday of Advent. You are invited by Christ to trust the promise of his presence given and shed you in the bread and cup today. Children, not yet receiving Communion, are always invited to come forward to receive a personal blessing.

For those able, fellowship and refreshments are available in the library following our worship.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

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

THANK YOU for signing the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during Communion distribution today.

PREFERENCE to receiving grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

I WISH CARDS are in your pews; please let us know your ideas to improve our Trinity home.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... Advent is all about promise, a time of hope and expectation. The fulfillment of the promise depends on our own level of preparation and willingness to repent and draw near to God. As the darkness of winter increases, we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. Therefore, prepare and wait. Do not lose heart.

PRELUDE/ PARISH NOTICES/BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

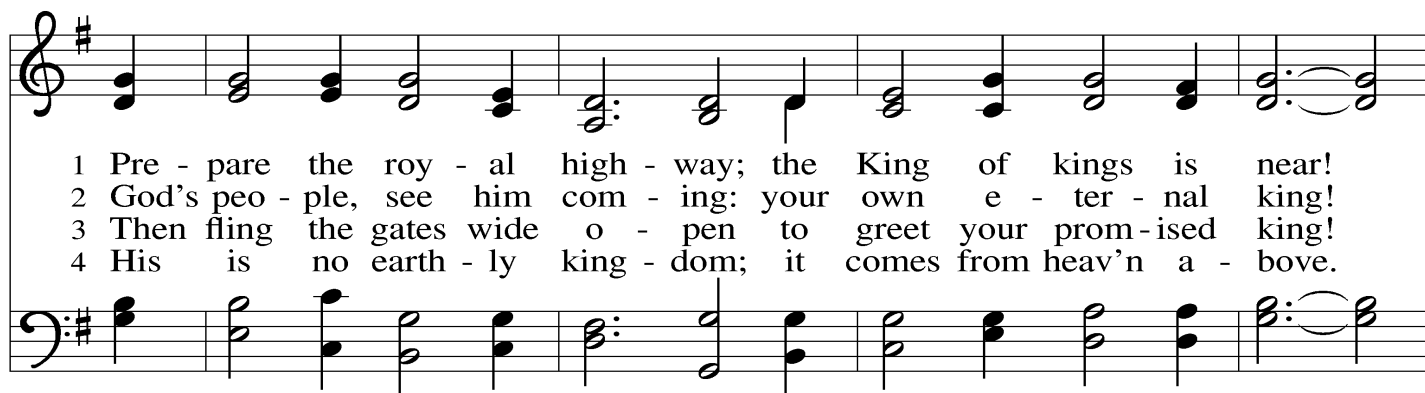
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is the light and life of all the ages. **Amen.** Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,

we confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. Because of us, your whole creation suffers. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.

In the advent of Christ, the dawn from on high breaks upon us with light and healing. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God nothing is impossible. **Amen.**



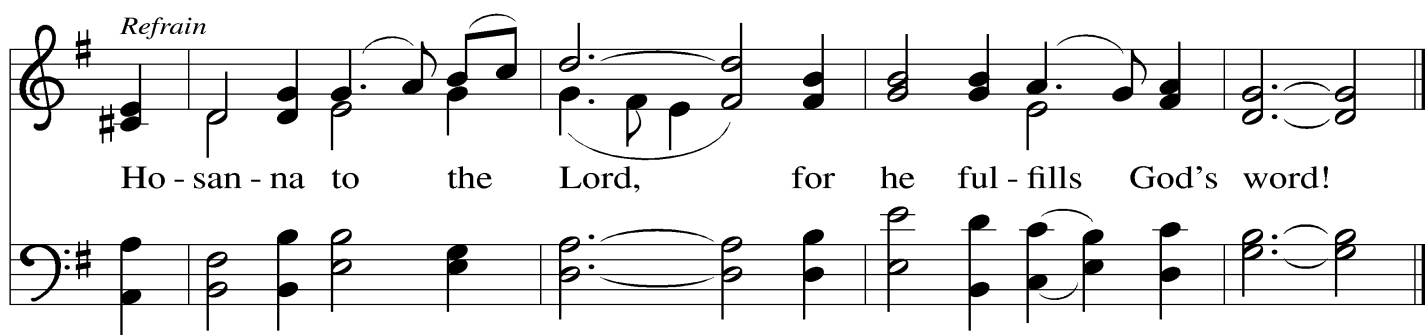
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



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

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

THE PROMISE OF PEACE

Advent is a time for God's people to awaken their longings.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Today we light two candles. The **first candle** represents the everlasting hope that has touched our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. In a world of division, brokenness and uncertainty, the **second candle** summons our hearts to the One called Prince of Peace. As the light shines, may we embrace and extend the peace of Christ in all that we do and say.



Please Join the Choir in *"Where the Promise Shines"*

Congregation:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

The First Reading is in Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1-10.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

The Second Reading is in Romans, chapter 15, verses 4-13.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

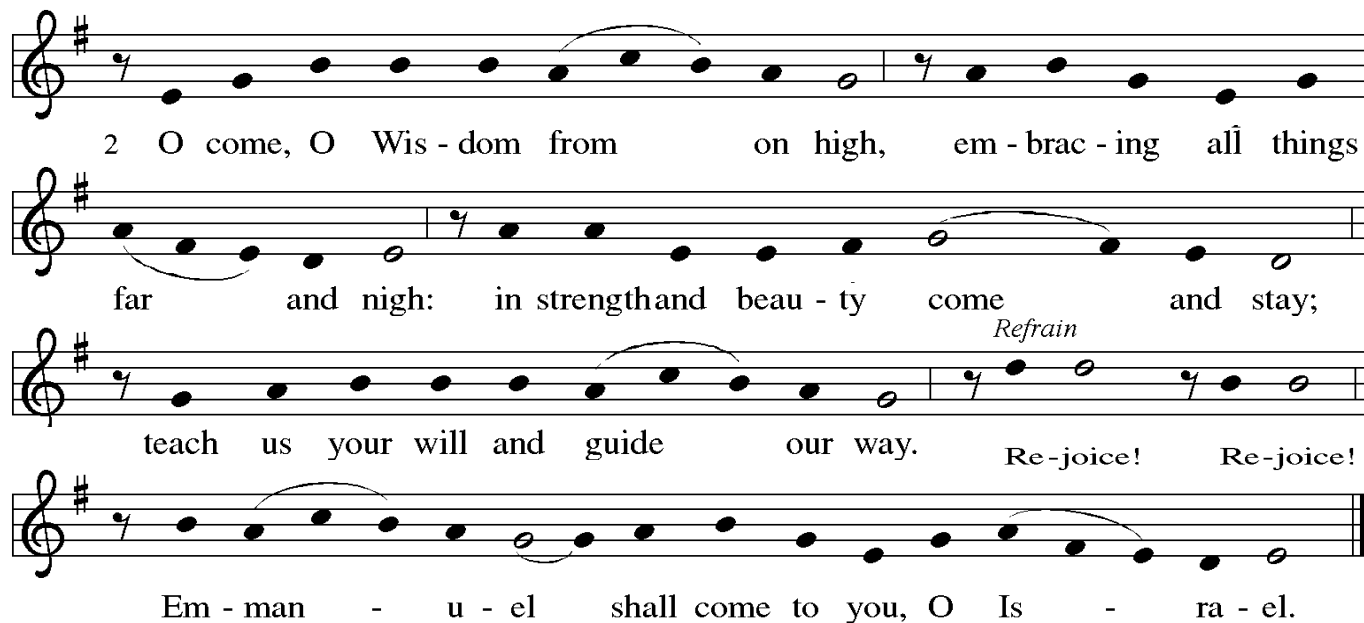
Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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





GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Mason



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 us 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 the 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 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a word of peace with one another.

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

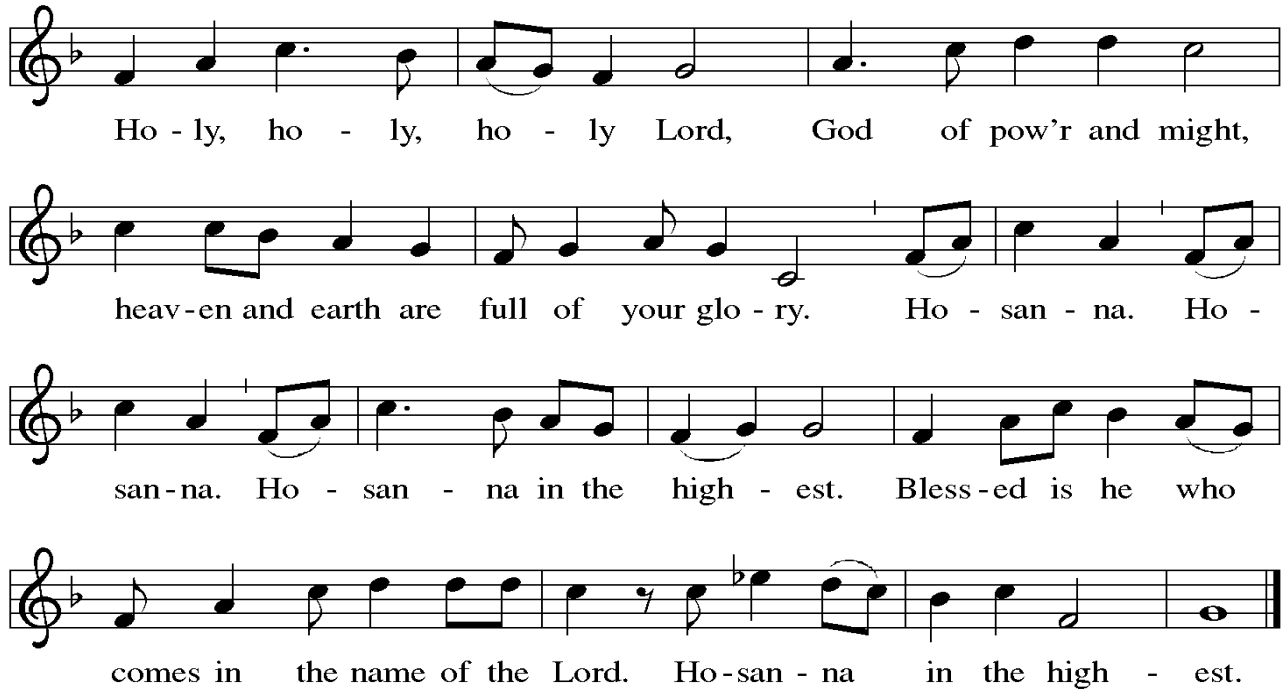
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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.





- 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)

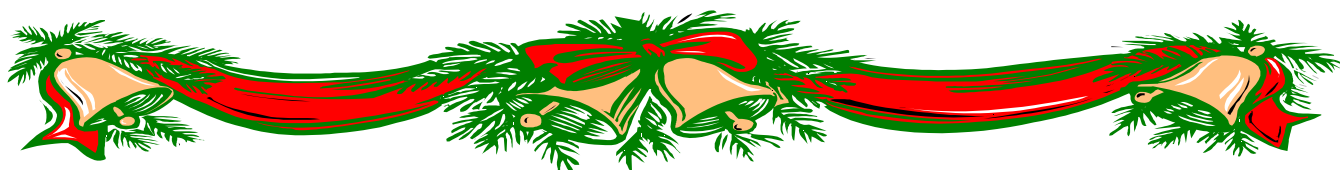
PRAYER OF THANKS

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

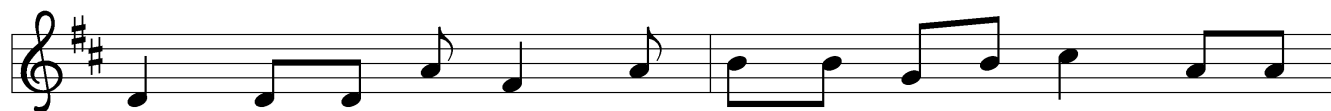
BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**





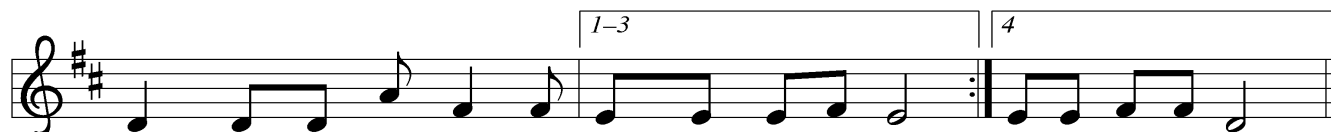
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



yel sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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	Brayden Heiderscheidt
Reader	Larry Baumgardt
Communion	Neil Neidt, Mark Miller, & Larry Baumgardt
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen
Greeter	Harold & Bonnie Pettis
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg
Altar Guild	Melinda Braulick, Joleen Dittbenner



Cindy Steffl is in the Narthex for Blood Pressure Checks today following Worship.



OUR THANKS to everyone who donated their time and talents to decorate and beautify our church for the season of our Savior's birth.

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 Morning services on Sunday, December 25th



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 from 10:00 – 11:00 on Sunday morning, December 11th. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen by Saturday, **December 10th** at Noon if possible.

LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED TOMORROW 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. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 276-8013. All proceeds go to people in need with Action Team funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!



December 11th at the 9:00 AM Worship!



Holiday Bake Sale

The Trinity Women of the ELCA

Invite everyone to attend our 32nd Annual

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 11th

10:00 ~ 11:00

Following the Christmas Program

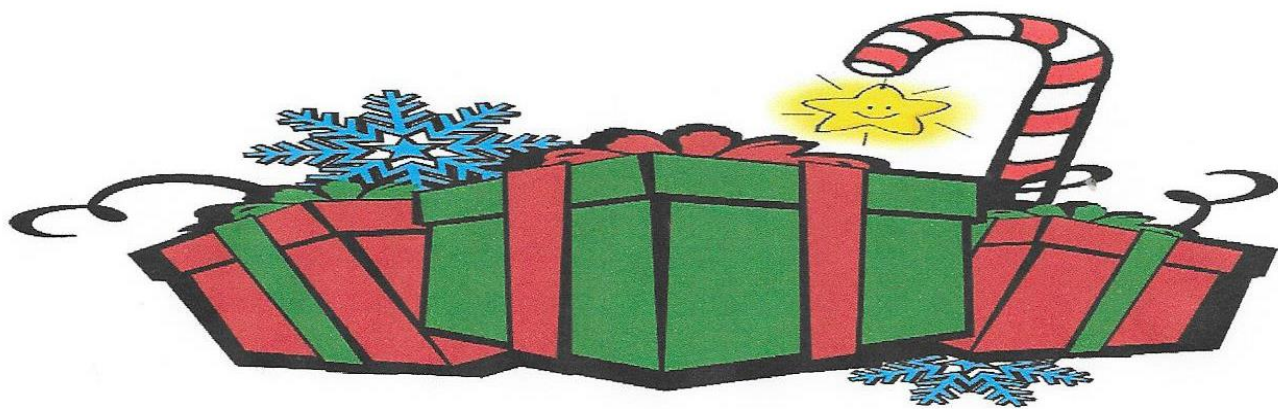
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Proceeds Will Go To People In Need

Supplemental Funds Provided By Thrivent Action Team



It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes & Morning Snack Boxes starting Nov. 20!

Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids as there continues to be those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are going to ask you to once again shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 31 children on weekends from 23 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.

Morning Snack Boxes

Trinity has another opportunity to help our school children this year. There is a need for snacks during morning break so if you would like to fill a box full of snacks, grab a snack box and fill that to help our students.

Here's what to do:

1. Sign out a Christmas food box or a morning snack box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 20th. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.
2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 11.
4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt,
Sandy Beito and Jim Johnson

December 4, 2022

Advent is a season for preparing.

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 3:1-12 Prepare the way of the Lord

Monday Isaiah 40:1-11 A voice crying in the wilderness

Tuesday John 1:19-28 The testimony of John the Baptist

Wednesday Matthew 12:33-37 A good tree bears good fruit

Thursday Zechariah 2:10-13 Shout and be glad

Friday Hosea 14:1-7 Repentance brings blessing

Saturday Psalm 32 I acknowledged my sin

Sunday Matthew 11:2-11 Jesus and John the Baptist



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“A messenger is calling out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.’” Matthew 3:3 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, make our lives straight paths that lead others towards you. Amen. (Matthew 3:3)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for all you have prepared for us to share and eat and enjoy. Help us to prepare the way for you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you great joy and peace as you trust in God. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope. Amen. (Romans 15:13)

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a change you have made in your life. Why did you make it?
- John the Baptist called on people to “repent” because God’s kingdom was near (Matthew 3:2). What does repent mean to you?
- What is one thing about yourself that you would like God’s help to change?

DEVOTIONS

In the second week of Advent, light the first and second Advent candles.

Say: This is the second week of Advent. We light our second candle to remind us that this is the season for preparing. We are preparing for Jesus to come again into our hearts, our homes and the world. (The candles are lit.)

Read: Read one of the following verses: Matthew 3:3, Matthew 3:2, Malachi 3:7, Acts 3:19, Hosea 12:6, Revelation 3:19, 1 Peter 1:13, James 5:8.

Pray: Let us pray: Lord God, in this time of preparation for Christmas, make us ready to receive Jesus. Help us turn away from sin and turn to him as our Savior. Amen.

SERVICE

Set aside time as a household to prepare Christmas cookies or treats. Using cellophane and ribbon, sort them into gift packages to give away to friends and neighbors. “Prepare the way for the Lord” by praying, by name, for those who will receive your gifts.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set up a box or empty crib under your Christmas tree. Each night have household members place pieces of straw in the crib (or yellow yarn or shredded paper strips) for kind acts done that day that help to “prepare the way for the Lord.” On Christmas Eve, when the crib is filled with straw, place a nativity figure of the Christ child in the crib.

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Please take your bulletin home for your weekly devotion



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:	73
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$3752.02
November Giving: (\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$22,628.78
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$229,717.81
Budget Contributions needed	\$274,703.05
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00

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 **Kali, Alice Mae, Linda, Loretta, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Jan & Bill, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Cindy, 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 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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April 1st of the year.*

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and have your ID Number available*



Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

Luke 2:14, KJV