# Trinity Lutheran Church

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#### **Christmas Day**

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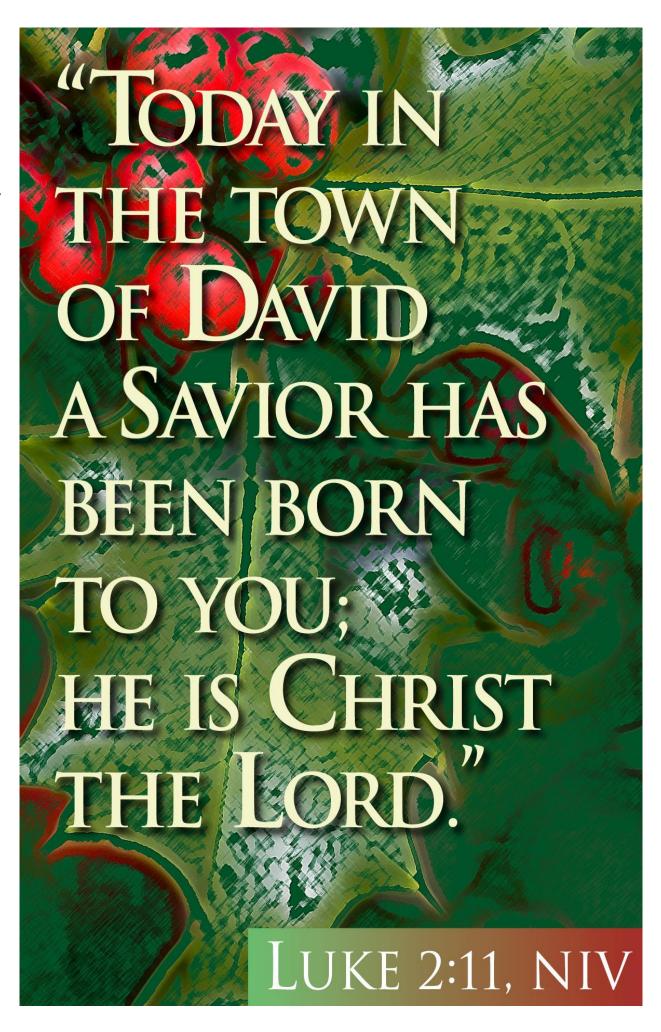
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# **CHRISTMAS DAY**

# **HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW SETTING 10**

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, December 25



The Lord Calls and Gathers All Who Enter This House of Worship! As we assemble on this Christmas Day, we are all welcomed by the Christ who came, who comes now, and who is coming again. May our worship together bring a special blessing upon you and all who are gathered here as Christ invites you to receive the presence of His body and blood through the bread and cup. Children not yet communing are always invited to come forward to receive a personal blessing. Please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during Communion.

# **GATHERING**

**WE PREPARE:** On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke tells the familiar story of shepherds and angels, and Matthew the role of Joseph. This morning, John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the holy meal we celebrate. From this place we go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.

# PRELUDE / GREETING / BELL



**OPENING DIALOG** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.





#### **GREETING**

From the one who was, who is, and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.** 



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, 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

Genesis 1:1-4

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will never end."

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





GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14

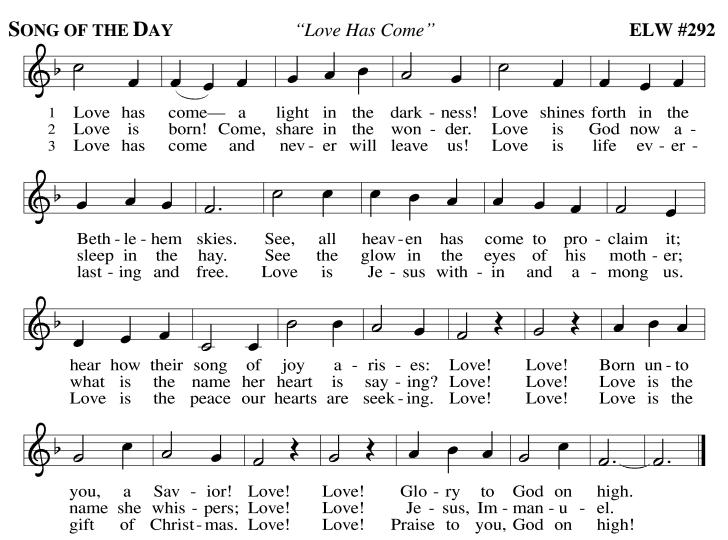
The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

**SERMON** Pastor Tim Mason



# NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holv Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

# **PEACE**

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

# **MEAL**

**OFFERING OF BREAD AND WINE** Sing: "What Child is This" (vs.1 & 3) **ELW #296** 

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

(Wine & Bread is brought forward by the communion assistants)

Let us pray... Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life that we may receive him into our hearts, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### GREAT 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in singing:

SING

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

(v. 1 & 3) **ELW # 289** 

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing; come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn king. *Refrain* 

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. Gathered around the Lord's table we remember that in the night... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us all proclaim the mystery of faith:

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

# Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

# **Come Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the most high, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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;

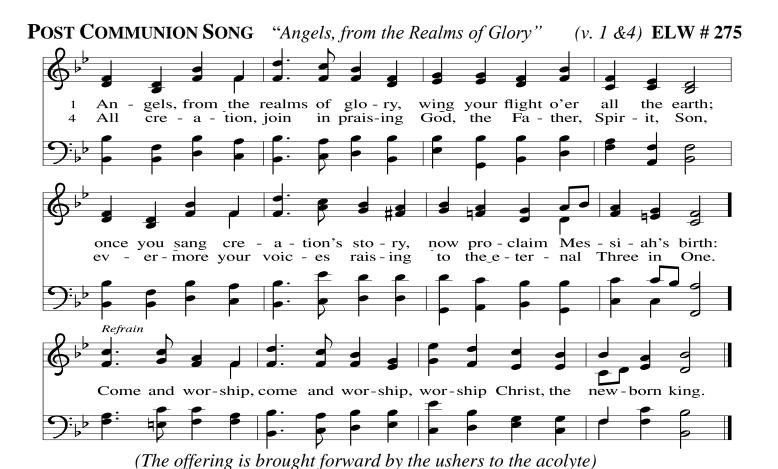
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION**

These are God's gifts for God's people. Come to the Christmas Banquet, for all is ready.

(During the distribution please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor... the ushers will receive your offering as you are ushered forward.)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you have given us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **SENDING**

## BLESSING

God of love, your Word, made flesh, is come to us today.

We bless your holy name.

Pour out your grace unbounded, promised through Jesus Christ.

Let us go forth in peace.

May God, the. Father, + Son, and Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 





# **BELL AND DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and rejoice, for Christ is born this day.

Thanks be to God.

# **CHRISTMAS POSTLUDE**



#### OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Christmas Day	9:00am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Kaden Kline	
Reader	Doug Domeier	
Communion Assistants	Brian Polesky, Lee Wahlborg, Sue Pedersen	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Melinda Braulick, Joleen Dittbenner	•



**LET THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS BEGIN!** Bring your Leftover Christmas Goodies for Fellowship Hour following Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Worship Service to get them out of the house.

## ALL PERSONS WRITING REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT:

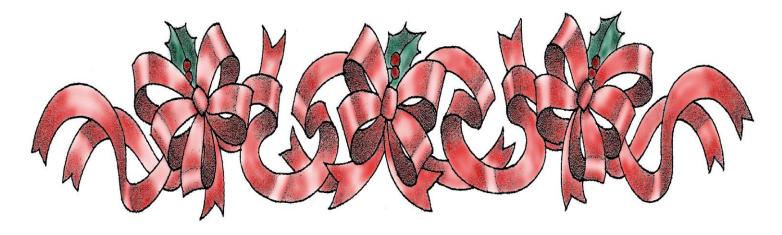
Because we would like to have the Annual Reports available to the congregation before the Annual Meeting, <u>Sunday January 29th</u>, it is necessary to have all reports <u>in the office no later than January 10<sup>th</sup></u>. It would be appreciated if you could submit them to Darlene via email. Thanks. <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> <u>Thank You</u>





## **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.





# Thank you to the following donors for sharing God's beauty with us in the form of a poinsettia.

Feel free to take your plant home any time after the 9:00 am Christmas Day service has concluded. Many Thanks!

- Cheryl and Neil Neidt in honor of their family
- John & Lori Hirshbock in memory George & Rosie Hirshbock, and Dale Larson
- Leann, Jeanette, & Lois Zamzow in memory of Oliver & Joyce Zamzow
- Phyllis Kleven and family in memory of Ron Kleven
- Craig and Joleen Dittbenner and family in memory of Sidney Dittbenner,

Marian & Lester Johnson, and many loved ones

- Mark Beito in memory of Lee & Adele Benson
- Connie Johnson and family in memory of Howard Johnson
- Larry & Sherry Baumgardt in honor of family
- Brian & Mary Mulry in memory of family
- Randy and Roxanne Armbruster in memory of Jan Armbruster
- The Jean Bloemke family in memory of Craig Bloemke
- Jay Sellner in memory of Brandy Roberts
- Michal and Pat Lowther in memory of Elmar & Mavis Anderson, Myron & Betty Lowther
- Sandy Brinkman and family in memory of Dr. Dean Brinkman, Bill Vogeler, Ed Polesky,

David Brinkman & DJ Riley

- Brian and Carol Polesky and family in memory of Ed Polesky, Betty Riley, DJ Riley
  Dean Brinkman & Bill Vogeler
- The Lendt family in memory of Anne Mikkelsen
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- Lee and Judy Johnson in memory of Eldon & Dorothy Johnson, Lester & Marian Johnson
- Rod and Darlene Brummund in memory of Don and Donna Marcott,

Alan Justen, David, Herbert and Esther Brummund

Rod and Darlene Brummund in honor of our children Katrina, Andrea, and John, grandchildren Ariella and Andy

Great-grandchildren Marcus, Mary & Morgan

We thank all of those who have graciously shared their talents of special music with us for this Celebration of Christ's birth. Pastor Tim, Darlene, Pat, Mary, Pat and Brittney extend their Christmas greetings to you all. May you and your family's Christmas and New Year be richly blessed and filled with God's presence and peace.



# Born for you today is Christ the Lord!

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

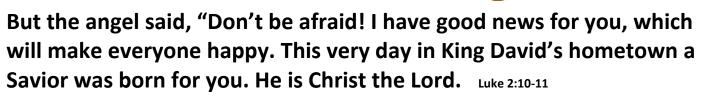
Take time to read and reflect upon these Bible passages as part of your Christmas celebrations.

Sunday Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
Monday Acts 7:59—8:8
Tuesday 1 John 5:1-12
Wednesday Matthew 18:1-14
Thursday Luke 19:41-44
Eriday 2 Capinthians 4:16

Friday 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Saturday John 8:12-1

# SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK



#### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### A Prayer for Christmas:

O God in Heaven, as we open these gifts today we give you thanks for the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus. Fill our home with his love and our hearts with his peace. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

We thank you, O God, for the love between us, for food that feeds us, and for the gift of your Son to redeem us. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God's favor rest on you, and may the good news of Jesus' birth bring you great joy. Amen. (Luke 2:10,14)

# **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

Share about a time when you missed out on something.

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they found out there was no room in the inn (Luke 2:7)?

Is there room in your life for Jesus? What things sometimes crowd him out?

How could your life become more of a "manger" for Jesus?

## **DEVOTIONS**

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

Leader: In John 1:14, we read that Jesus is the true light who gives light to every per-son. Our center Advent candle is our Christ candle. As we light it, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the true light of the world. (Light all the candles on your Advent wreath.)

All: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being born into our world. Light up our hearts and our homes for our Savior. Amen.

# **SERVICE**

Christmas festivities usually involve a great deal of preparation and cleaning up. Re-solve to work together as a home to carry out the necessary chores. If you are guests at another home, do what you can to serve your hosts this Christmas with willing hands.

# RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Before you rush to open your Christmas gifts this year, pause to pray and thank God for the gift of Jesus, and for the gifts of one another:

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the gift of Jesus to our world and to our home. As God has loved us by giving us Jesus, we share his love with one another by giving and receiving gifts. Let us pray.

All: Father in Heaven, as we open these gifts today we give you thanks for the great-est gift of all, your Son Jesus. Fill our home with his love and our hearts with his peace. Amen.

In giving gifts to one another, use the following words:

(Name), as a sign of God's gift of Jesus to me, I give you this gift with love.

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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 CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on <a href="www.sleepyeyeonline.com">www.sleepyeyeonline.com</a> 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:	67
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$6180.92
December Giving:(\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$20,797.42
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$249,515.23
Budget Contributions needed	\$292,223.50

# This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...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...

<u>Pray for our World</u>...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, Alice Mae, 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.

<u>Pray for the beloved...</u> 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....

<u>Pray for all families...</u> 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...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces</u> <u>and those far from home</u>...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...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)</u>...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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