

Advent

*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."
Luke 2:15*



1st Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019

Advent Setting

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

HYMN SING-ALONG

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ELW 785
WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE ELW 774
DAY BY DAY..... ELW 790
GATHER US IN ELW 532

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder our love of you, that when Christ comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Shout for joy, all of the heavens and earth rejoice for this news! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it. For as it was promised by our forefathers.

C Rejoice! Shout for joy! See our king is coming. He is righteous and brings salvation to the whole of the earth.

P The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a path on which he may come into our lives. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked paths may lead us straight to your humble resting place with Christ.

P Gracious Lord Jesus,

C you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence in our lives and the ways you lead us in moments of need. We

have failed to act justly, to love with mercy, and to walk humbly just as you did. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

P In the example of John the Baptist, we hear the promise of the Lord that is to come and his warning: "Change your hearts and lives today! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" (*Matthew 3:2*) I therefore declare yours sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Advent One:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (*Isaiah 2:4*)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.


KYRIE

ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

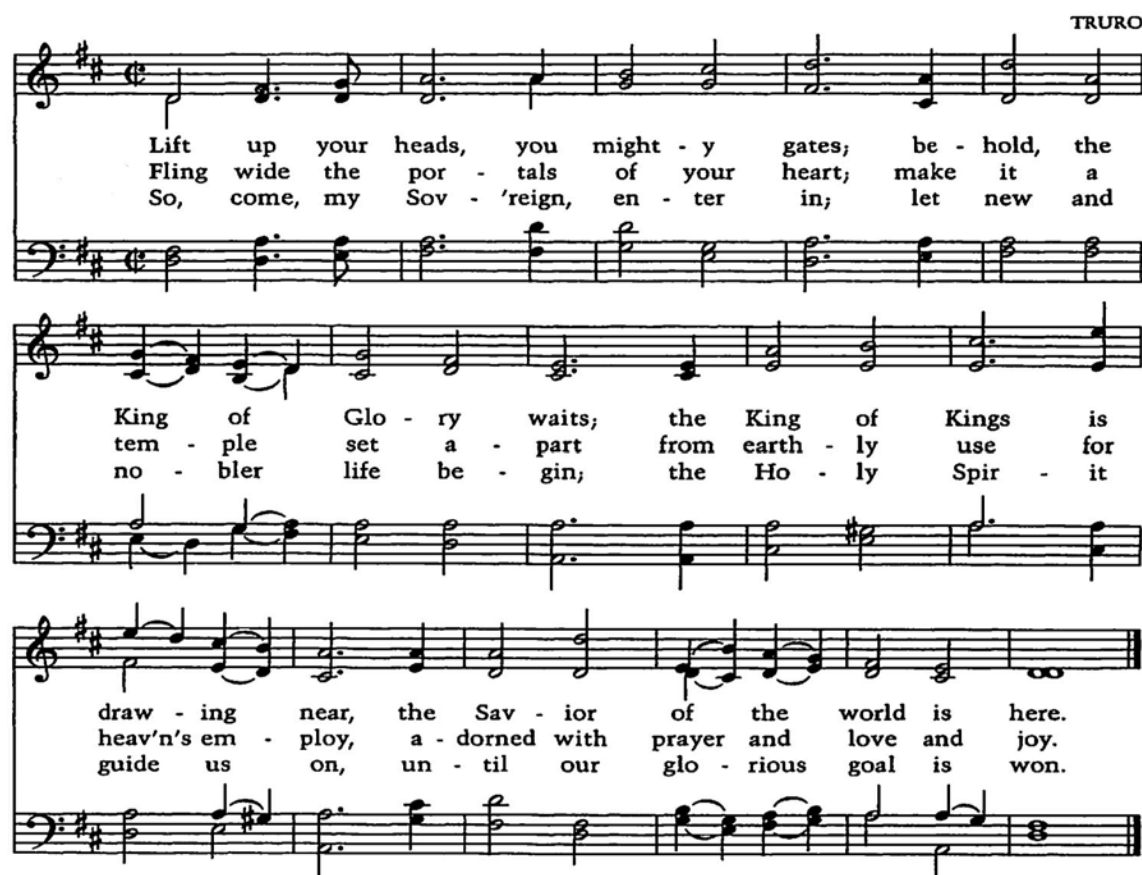
Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

HYMN OF PRAISE

TRURO



Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and
King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for
no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it
draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

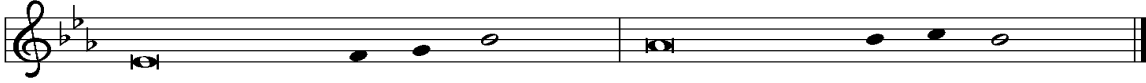
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Sung responsively



⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a two-part setting. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The second system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The third system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The fourth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The fifth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The sixth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The seventh system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The eighth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The ninth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The tenth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The eleventh system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The twelfth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. The thirteenth system shows the Soprano and Bass parts. 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P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

Jesus said to his disciples: ³⁷“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. ³⁹They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴²Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. ⁴³Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come

ELW HYMN 263

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

MAGNIFICAT

P In the words of Mary, let us proclaim our joy in the coming of Christ.

C My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Be of help and comfort for Michelle Wolf as she struggles with health and employment issues. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, Sargent's Chapel and Sedgewickville Lutheran in Sedgewickville, and St. Mark Lutheran in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas cry to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we cry to you for blessings on Junior Utech as he celebrates his birthday and Julie Reeves as she remembers her baptism. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Charles Dutt that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of this saint as they celebrate his life. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love. Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

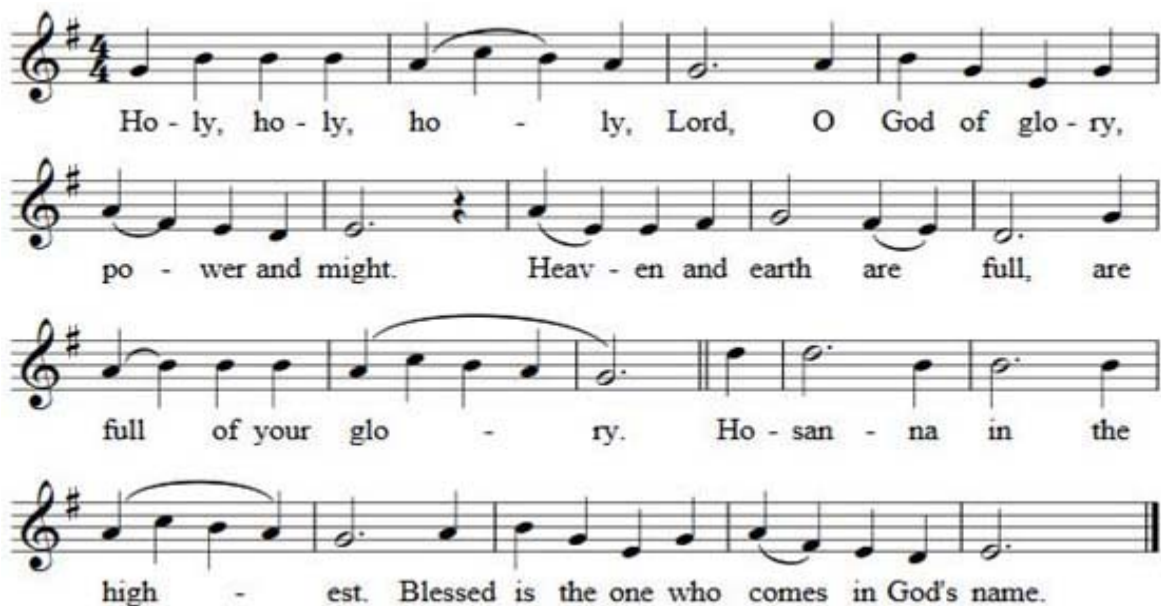
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our

Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P 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.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

C Come among us.

P Bless this meal.

C May your Word take flesh in us.

P Awaken your people.

C Fill us with your light.

P Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, Take a way our sins
A - men, A - way our sins men.

Have mer - cy on us. 2 times
A - cy on us. 2 times men.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>Eat This Bread</i>	ELW HYMN 472
	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	ELW HYMN 490

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN	<i>The King Shall Come</i>	ELW 260
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
December 1, 2019	Julie Reeves	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis	Team 2	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 8, 2019	Dorothy Strom	David McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Laurie Jackson	Team 2	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, & Carol Marker	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 15, 2019	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Ted Murphy	Team 2	Howard & Loni Reece	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 22, 2019	Vickie Jacobs	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Duane Pomeroy	Team 2	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 29, 2019	Chuck Sodergren	Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis	Team 2	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Andrew Patty

2019 Doorstep Christmas Wish List

Doorstep is adopting 250 Households for Christmas
and we need your help with donations!

Toys

School Supplies
Toys for Ages 2-12
Girls Jewelry, Baby Dolls,
Games - All Ages
Balls - Football, Soccer,
Basketball
Teenage Girls Gifts
No Stuffed Animals



Children's

(Boys & Girls)

WE greatly need new,
winter clothing for All!

Jeans Sizes 6-16
Clothing Sizes 2T-16
Pajamas 2T-14
Socks & Underwear

Men's

Boxer Briefs S - XL, Socks,
Flashlights & Tool Sets
Small Radios, Aftershave,
Watches, Playing Cards
Jeans & Sweat sets
(Greatest Need ~ New, Winter
Clothing)

Women & Teens

Larger Sized Bras
Underwear S-XL
Cosmetics
Jewelry & Socks
Sweat sets & PJ's
Teen Sized Clothing
(Greatest Need ~ New,
Winter Clothing)

Health Kit Items

Towels, Washcloths, Combs,
Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste/
brushes, Shampoo/Conditioner

Household Gifts

Quilts, Blankets & Sheet
Sets (Full/Queen/King),
Dish Sets, Toasters, Hand
Mixers, Pots/Pans, Etc.

Christmas Store Schedule – Volunteer Needed!

Sunday, Dec 8 th	Move Items 1 st Naz.	2pm - 5pm
Monday, Dec 9 th	Sort Donated Items	9am – 4pm
Tuesday, Dec 10 th	Sort Donated Items	9am – 2pm
Wed, Dec 11 th	Escort Clients	8am – 8pm
Thurs, Dec 12 th	Escort Clients	8am–12pm
Thurs, Dec 12 th	Move Items Back	12pm - 3pm

Call Doorstep to Volunteer, 357-5341.

Bring
Donations to
Doorstep,
M-F from
8am–3pm
(1119 SW 10th)
or to your
Congregation
for delivery to
Doorstep.
Items needed
by 12/10/19.

Donations for the Doorstep Christmas Store can be put in the
red tub in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 1	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks	after worship
Mon., Dec. 2.....	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Dec. 3	Quilters	9:00 AM
.....	TLHA meeting	7:00 PM
Wed., Dec. 4.....	Women's AA	5:30 PM
.....	Mary & Martin Advent Worship & Study.....	6:30 PM
Thurs., Dec. 5	Men's AA.....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 18.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Nov. 3	\$3,900.28	\$120.00	\$4,020.28	-\$2,648.00	\$1,372.28	43/43
Nov. 10	\$2,232.00	\$95.00	\$2,327.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$321.00	45/44
Nov. 17	\$938.00	\$582.75	\$1,520.75	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,127.25	38/36
Nov. 24	\$1,855.00	\$142.00	\$1,997.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$651.00	44/43
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct 2019	\$10,081.95	-\$20,727.61	-\$10,645.66	
		Jan. - Oct	\$100,689.86	-\$116,755.04	-\$16,065.18	

Charles Leslie Dutt, 93, died November 21, 2019. Charles was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas and later at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Plano, TX. He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Flower Mound, TX), daughter Marianne Steele (Flower Mound, TX), grandchildren, brother Wendell Dutt (Tacoma, WA), and many nieces and nephews living throughout the United States. He is preceded in death by brothers Jim Dutt and John Dutt. His son Steven Dutt also preceded him in death at the early age of 15 and is now reunited with him in Heaven. A graveside memorial service to celebrate and remember Charles was held on November 29, 2019 in the Mount Hope Cemetery & Funeral Chapel. Pr. Andrew conducted the service.

Poinsettias 2019

We are taking orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the St. Lucia and Christmas Eve worship services. To purchase a poinsettia, please put this completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office. You may take your plants home with you after worship on Christmas Eve to enjoy during the holidays.

Your name: _____

Phone number: _____

The cost per plant delivered to the church will be \$8.00.

Please include payment with order if possible. **Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church**, with the memo line reading "poinsettias".

The deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 4th.

In the worship folder, I would like the gift to be noted as (please check one and fill in the blank):

____ **in honor of** (*event, organization or living person*):

____ **in memory of** (*someone who has died*):

____ **to the Glory of God** (*a general thanksgiving*)

____ Please do not list me in the worship folder.

Mary and Martin



Exploring Lutheran Views on the Mother of God

6:30 pm Every Wednesday during Advent

December 4, December 11, December 18

During Advent, we will be reviving our midweek sessions as we await the coming of Christ. Our theme for this Advent study season will focus on the theological foundations of what Lutherans thought of Mary's place within our faith tradition and what it means for us today. We will balance the past and the present by looking at some historical documents and statements of our church in comparison with reflections from various present ELCA clergy persons.

We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 for a time of worship, then go downstairs to Fellowship Hall for Bible study and refreshments. Those that are attending are asked to bring one snack item (bag of chips, cookies, etc.) to share with the group.

St. Lucia Celebration

Julbord Dinner

Christmas Potluck Dinner with Swedish Sweets

Friday, December 13, 5:30 pm

Ham will be provided as the main serving. We are asking members to bring side dishes and desserts.



St. Lucia Day Candlelight Service

6:30 pm

After the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for a traditional Swedish Christmas service with candlelight and hymns. In Sweden, St. Lucia is the major holiday celebration for all Lutheran churches and we are delighted to bring back this tradition to our congregation.

Please invite your friends and family to this evening of fellowship and worship.



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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