

# Lessons and Carols



*2nd Sunday in Christmas*

*January 3, 2021*

*Service of Lessons and Carols*

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**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

P Almighty God, at night in the land of Bethlehem, you made the night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth, we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence. By your grace, adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

**C we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through ☩ Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

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**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

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**GREETING**

P Beloved in Christ, in this season of Christmas, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the baby lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in the Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purpose of God from the callings of Israel unto the glorious redemption brought us by his holy birth.

**READING: LUKE 2:1, 3-7**

**CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

**ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

**ELW 269**





1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing love;  
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel-ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav-ior ho-ly.  
and he leads his chil-dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath-er round, bright like stars, with glo-ry crowned.



**READING: LUKE 2:8-20****THE SHEPHERDS**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

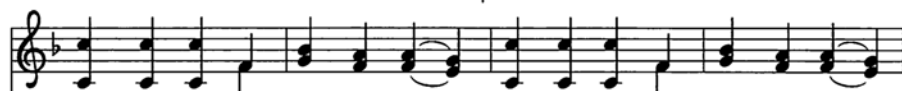
**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING****ELW 270**




1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

**PSALM 147:12-20**

*Spoken Responsively*

<sup>12</sup>Extol the LORD, Jerusalem;  
praise your God, Zion.  
<sup>13</sup>**He strengthens the bars of your gates  
and blesses your people within you.**  
<sup>14</sup>He grants peace to your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.  
<sup>15</sup>**He sends his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**  
<sup>16</sup>He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.  
<sup>17</sup>**He hurls down his hail like pebbles.  
Who can withstand his icy blast?**  
<sup>18</sup>He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.  
<sup>19</sup>**He has revealed his word to Jacob,  
his laws and decrees to Israel.**  
<sup>20</sup>He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws. Praise the LORD.

**READING: JOHN 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18**

**THE FIRST GOSPEL**

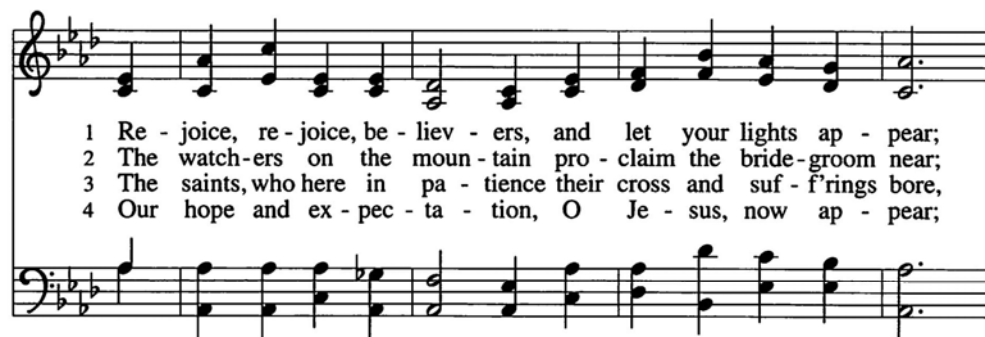
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

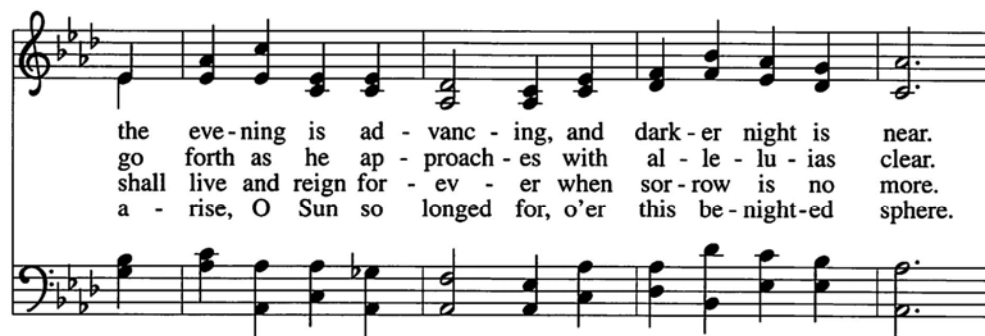
**C** Thanks be to God

# REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

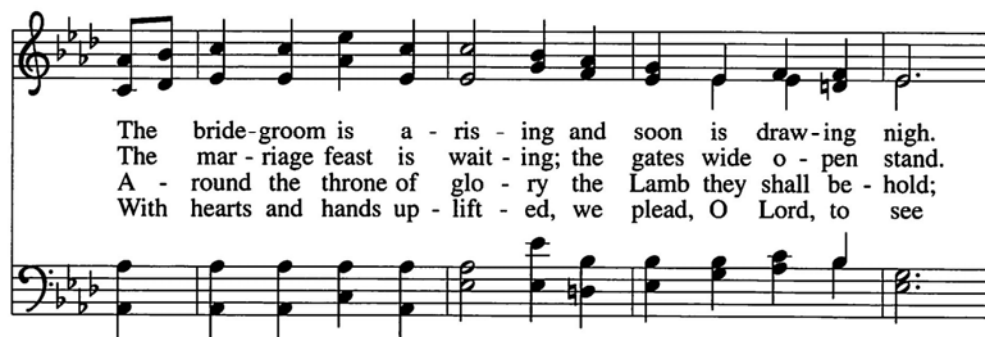
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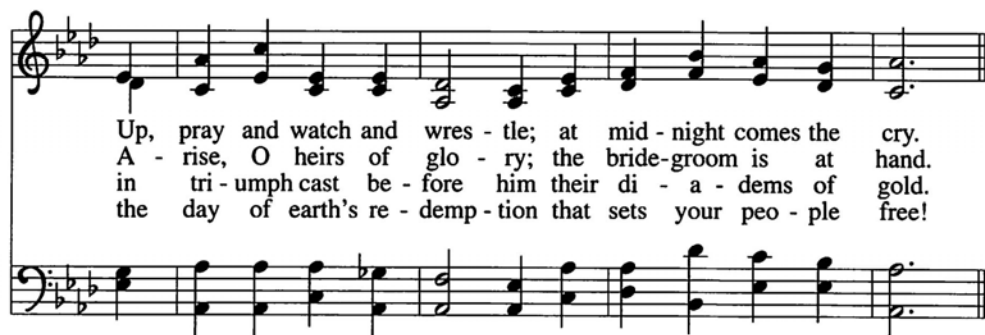
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

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 Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Redeeming God, you gather together your people from the farthest parts of the earth. Protect your church from stumbling. Let it not be overcome by sorrow, division, or despair. Make us radiant with goodness, that we might live always to the praise of your glory. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You bring together heaven and earth. All creation testifies to your splendor. Hold the ecosystems of this earth in delicate balance, from coastlands to farmlands, forests to wetlands, deserts to rainforests. Show us new ways to live in harmony with the world around us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You overflow with grace upon grace. Expand the hearts of those who serve in positions of authority and open them to the needs of their nations and communities. Protect all those in harm's way and those risking danger for the sake of others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P You bring consolation to those who weep. Embrace those who feel excluded or defeated. Accompany those living with illness. Refresh those who labor under the weight of pain or sickness, especially Lucille Brill, Eleanor Jewell, Don Longren, Betty Mai, Walt Laughlin, and Duane Pomeroy. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

- A You come to us in the beauty of darkness and of light. Bring justice and reconciliation to communities divided by oppressions and misuse of power. Guide us to speak holy words of advocacy and truth. Help us to honor your image in one another. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Draw your church together into one great company of disciples. We especially pray for Sharon Lutheran in Sharon Springs, Our Savior Lutheran in Brewster, Bethany Lutheran in Weskan, Kansas, and the Women of the ELCA. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P You turn our mourning into joy. We give thanks for those who have died in faith. With all the saints, give us our inheritance in Christ. In the fullness of time, gather us all together in your mercy. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.**

**The Peace**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

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**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

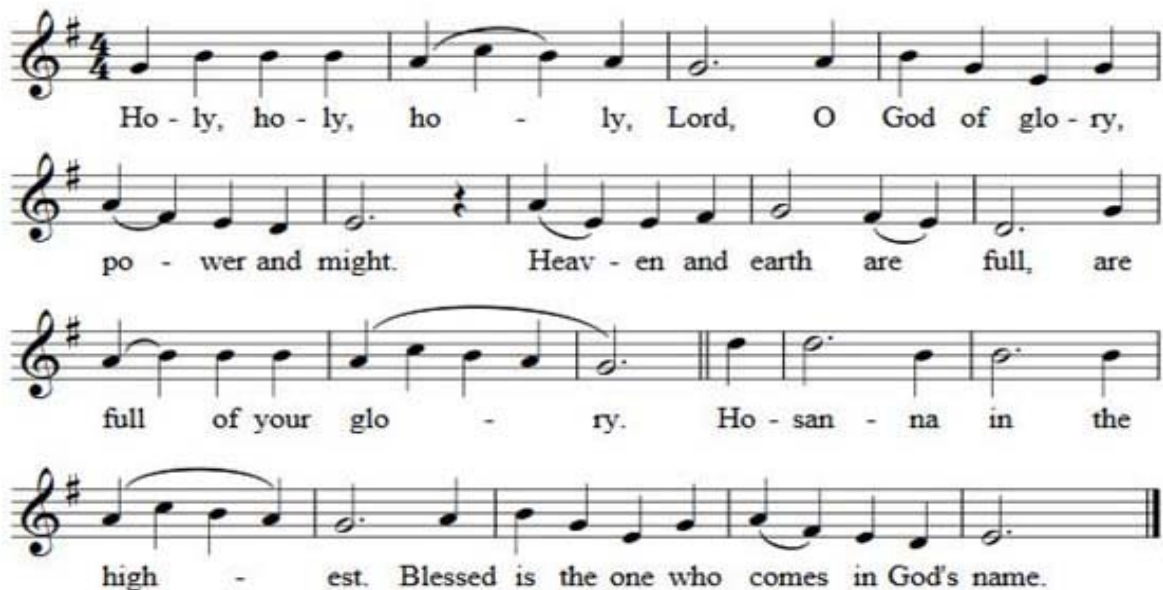
P Lift up your hearts.

**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. 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.**

### **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 We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

P Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.

C **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



***Poinsettias are given to the glory of God by...***

**Mike & Shelley Andrews** in memory of  
*Byron & Gavonna Murphy and Jack & Wanda Andrews.*

**Rick & Janice Greenlee** in memory of Janice's mother  
*Myra Sodergren.*

**Rick & Janice Greenlee** in memory of Rick's mother  
*Colleen Greenlee.*

**Marilyn Hypse** in memory of *Harold Hypse.*

**Mike & Laurie Jackson** in memory of *Pop Streck* and  
*Grandma Dumler.*

**Curt & Jane Lewis** in memory of *Myra Sodergren.*

**Duane & Debbie Pomeroy** in celebration of our grandchildren — Blayne,  
Kathlyn, William, Isis, and Marek.

**David & Brooke Ralph** in memory of our loved ones and the traditions they  
blessed us with.

**Howard & Loni Reece** in honor of our family.

**Bill & Marsha Ridinger** to wish Happy Holidays to their Trinity family.

**Monica Spencer** in memory of *Glen Henderschiedt.*

**Monica Spencer** in honor of the new year.

**Dorothy Strom** in memory of her California nephew *Loy Hebluetzel*

**Andy & LaVell Winsor** in memory of *Vencil Welp.*



*This year, in addition to these poinsettias purchased for the decoration of our sanctuary, a second poinsettia was purchased and delivered to our shut-ins, along with some other small gifts. Thanks so much to our generous donors.*

*December 2020*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 3 ..... Online Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM

Sunday, Jan. 10..... Online 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
Dec. 6	\$3,080.00	\$50.00	\$3,130.00	-\$2,792.00	\$338.00	0
Dec. 13	\$1,345.00	\$330.00	\$1,675.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,117.00	0
Dec. 20	\$380.00	\$25.00	\$405.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$2,387.00	0
Dec. 27	\$9,065.00	\$75.00	\$9,140.00	-\$2,792.00	\$6,348.00	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov 2020	\$5,869.14	-\$8,919.47	-\$3,050.33	
		Jan. - Nov	\$102,712.94	-\$111,266.51	-\$8,553.57	



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!

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

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