

# Advent

December 5, 2021

*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*



**2nd Sunday in Advent**

**December 5, 2021**

**Advent Setting**

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

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**A** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

**P** God for whom we wait,

**C** **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

**P** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

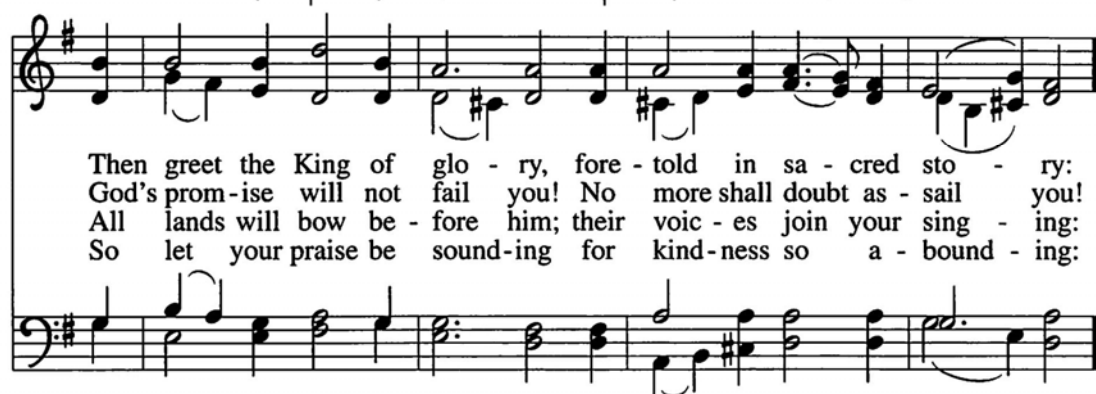
*Prepare the Royal Highway*



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!

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Advent Two:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

## 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

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of four systems, each with a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). 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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system has a dashed line at the end of the staff. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system also ends with a double bar line.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

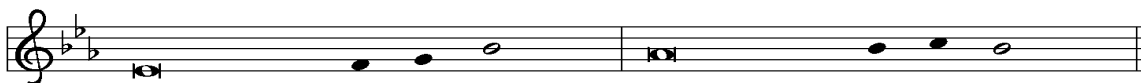
<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

### Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

*Sung responsively*



<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.  
<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,**  
**born of the house of your | servant David.**  
<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of | all who hate us,  
<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy | to our forebears,**  
**and to remember your | holy covenant.**  
<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:  
<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
**free to worship you | without fear,**  
<sup>75</sup>**holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,  
<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation**  
**by the forgiveness | of their sins.**  
<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion | of our God  
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,**  
**and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

## SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the third chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW PATTY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

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*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.

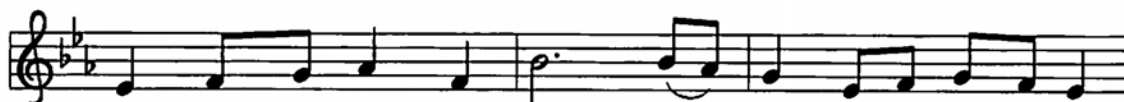
C **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. 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.**





1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -  
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the




call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.  
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like  
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!  
 na - tions shall and pass like a dream a - way.  
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

## THE PRAYERS

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

A You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill, especially Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Linda Stone, Liz Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Send joyful life to Julie Reeves, Peggy Buchholz, Walt Laughlin, and Junior Utech as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**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.*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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OFFERING

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY

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

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

P We give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we dedicate these quilts that Doorstep will give to families in need.

*Everyone lays a hand on the quilts and shawls.*

P Loving God, it is your will to bring comfort and help to the distressed. Today, we dedicate these quilts and prayer shawls to your glory and praise. Bless these gifts wherever they may be used, that they may provide warmth and security to those who have experienced tragedy or who have no other shelter. May all who receive these quilts and prayer shawls also experience the covering of your love and forgiveness, grace and peace. We also thank you, Lord, for our members and friends who devoted their time to make the quilts and the prayer shawls. Bless their lives and give them always your joy and peace. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

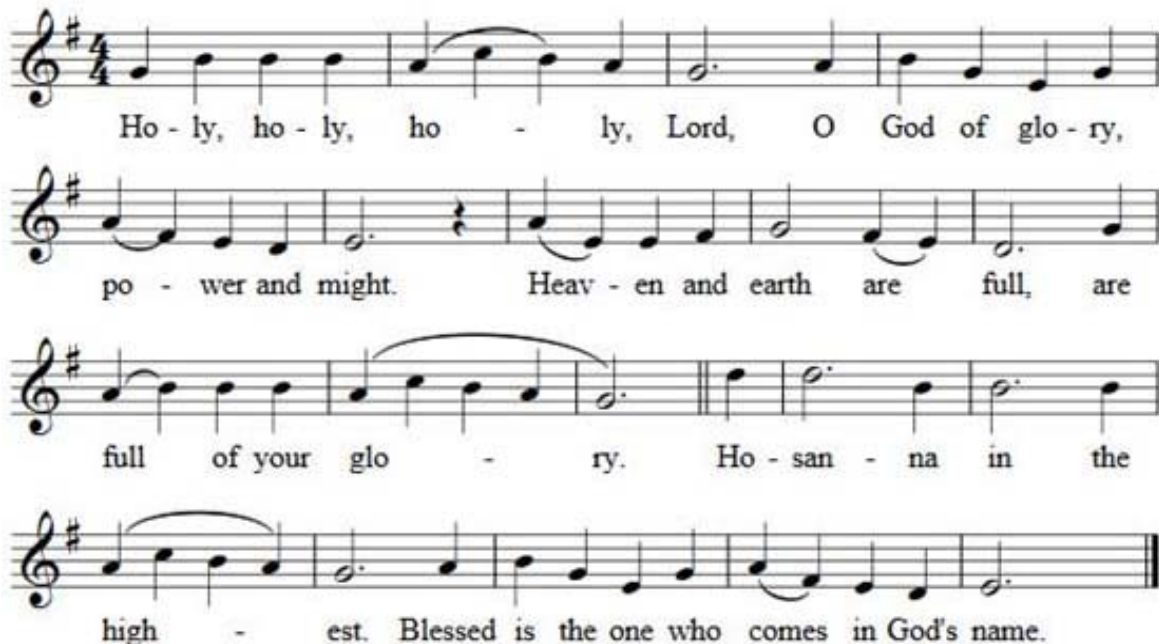
P Lift up your hearts.

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, say-  
ing: 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, Pow-  
er 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 to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

*Please be seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD



### 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 Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

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### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE



- 1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!



## *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*

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Nov. 7	\$2,725.00	\$0.00	\$2,725.00	-\$2,211.54	\$513.46	29
Nov. 14	\$1,750.00	\$580.00	\$2,330.00	-\$2,211.54	\$118.46	20
Nov. 21	\$2,320.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,320.00	-\$2,211.54	\$4,108.46	24
Nov. 28	\$1,730.00	\$130.00	\$1,860.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$351.54	25
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct. 2021	\$10,271.97	-\$11,068.37	-\$796.40	
		Jan. - Oct.	\$106,122.53	-\$111,914.52	-\$5,791.99	

## *Remember our shut-ins!*

Peggy Buchholz     Keith Springer  
Marlene Hassan     Naomi Walker  
Ron Owensby





Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Dec. 5, 2021	Howard Reece,	Laurie Jackson	Betty Quarnstrom	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
Dec. 12, 2021	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
Dec. 19, 2021	Curt Lewis, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Junior Utech	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty



The date of our annual meeting is yet to be determined, but will occur in January. Work on the annual report booklet will begin in early January. **The deadline to submit reports to be included in the booklet is December 30.** You may review the index of previous reports to see what reports are needed, or call the office, 233-0767.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 5 ..... Worship & Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Nominating Committee meeting ..... after worship  
 Tues., Dec. 7 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
 Sunday, Dec. 12..... Worship & Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... St. Lucia Celebration .....  
 .....Administrative Committee meeting ..... after worship  
 .....PFLAG meeting .....2:00 PM



**TODAY** we are blessing 24 hand made quilts for Doorstep's Christmas Store. The quilts will be given along with the other gifts that each adopted family receives. Our quilter ladies hope that each recipient will be blessed as much as we were in making them!

The quilts will be delivered to Doorstep this week.

## St. Lucia Day Service December 12, 2021

This year, our St. Lucia celebration will take place during our Sunday morning worship service. We need child volunteers to serve as St. Lucias and Starboys. Please contact Pr. Andrew to let him know if your child(ren) would like to serve in this way.





## **2021 Doorstep Christmas** **Adoption Wish List**



Initially we were hoping to have our regular Christmas Store this year, but, it was not meant to be. We will have a Christmas Project similar to last year, with more items for the adopted households.

We are adopting 260 Households from the Christmas Bureau which includes 800+ individuals for Christmas, and **we greatly need your help with a few select donations!**

**This year each household will receive from Doorstep:**

- Christmas Food Order
- \$20 Visa gift card for each household member listed on their intake
- Blanket
- Health Kit
- Household Item
- Family Fun Kit with games, puzzles & toys
- School Supplies



### **How You Can Help...**

This year we only need a few things, but we need larger numbers of each.

#### **Money - Our Biggest Need -**

To purchase the food, gift cards for 800+ people, and other items we don't receive in donations.

**Blankets** - Full/Queen & King sizes

**Household Items** - Coffee Pots, Crockpots, Toasters, Skillet Sets, & Electric Skillet

**Fun Pack Items** - Board Games & Puzzles



We will not have the volunteer opportunities available like when we do the actual Christmas Store. In an effort to be safe, we are using our regular volunteers to help with the Christmas Adoption Project this year.

**Please Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan, Mon - Fri from 9am - 2pm (South Door) By December 1st.**

**Send your monetary donation to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, Ks 66604 or visit [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org) - Donate.**



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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