

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45 AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE: "Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen"

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), setting by Johannes Brahms (1833-97),
transcription by Lewis Niven

"Canzona per Sonare" No. 1 Giovanni Gabrieli (1554-1612), edited by
Robert King

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."

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.

Congregational responses are in **bold**.

***WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

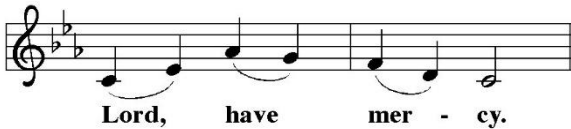
C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN** Prepare the Royal Highway **ELW #264**

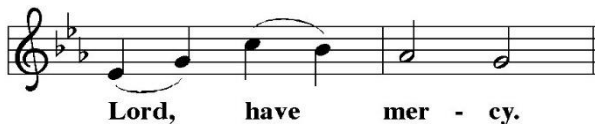
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

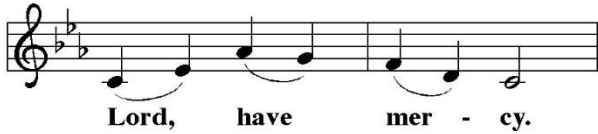
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



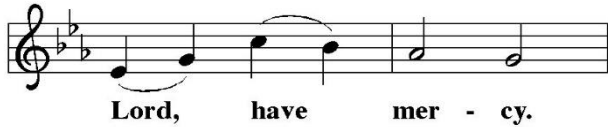
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



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Glory to God

Musical notation for the hymn 'Glory to God'. It consists of four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), D4 (half). The lyrics are: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray 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)

PRAYER OF BLESSING & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - vs. 2



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹ 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. ² 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; ³ 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. ⁴ 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

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets,
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷² **to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷ **to give God’s people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.


³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ 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)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

***GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹ 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, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Heidi Albertson

HYMN OF THE DAY Comfort, Comfort Now My People **ELW #256**

SERMON

Bishop Craig Satterlee

***CREED** *Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended into Hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering (*especially*). Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Offertory Music:

8:30 - "Aria" G.F. Handel (1685-1759), arranged by Rolf Smedvig

11:00 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" setting by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as we begin singing the “Create in Me” and the elements are brought forward

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The music concludes with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The music concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end...proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup...We look for hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit...bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours...One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

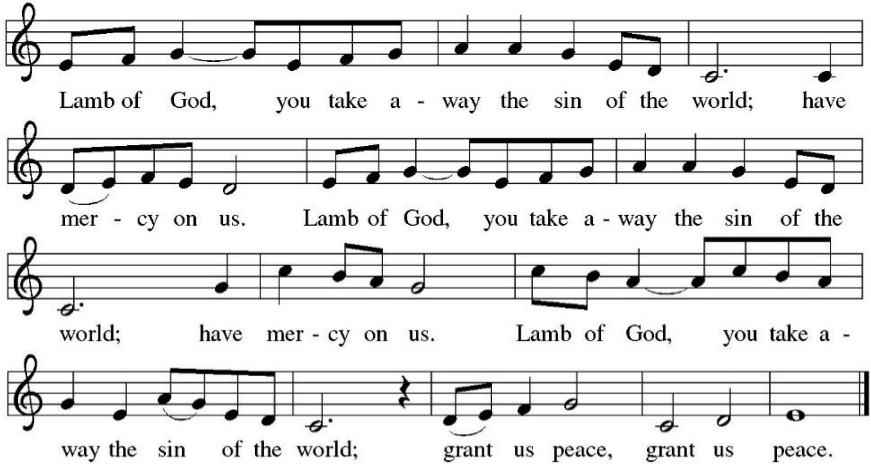
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)
*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your
seat by the side aisles.*

*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail
after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: "Wachet Auf! Ruft Uns Die Stimme" (BWV 140)
J.S. Bach, arranged by Gary Slechta

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW #249

*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "My Spirit Be Joyful" J.S. Bach, transcribed by Harry Herforth

We welcome back today West Michigan BrassWorks:

Scott Thornburg and Johannes Stegmann, trumpets

Margaret Hamilton, horn

Nathan Musch, trombone

Robert Whaley, tuba

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Karn Erlandson, Sharon Kokales

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Jason Grubaugh, Teri Koretsky
11:00 Carolyn Kana'an, Nancy Diment

LECTORS: 8:30 Steve Bittner
11:00 Heidi Albertson

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avery & Nolan Fowler
11:00 Frederick Thurn, Edith Wright

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Sara and Mike McGarvey in honor of their wedding anniversary on December 13.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ruth Krueger, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Linda Ward, David Mason, Marge Bateman, Rachel, Alex and Emma.
Our sincere condolences go to Sharon and Evan Kokales on the passing of their daughter Vicky Phillips. Please keep the family in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity's 120th Anniversary Worship Celebration is TODAY! Please join us for a congregational photo immediately after the second service to commemorate the anniversary!

There will be a congregational meeting TODAY, December 8th immediately after the 11:00am service where we will vote on the Annual Budget for 2025. All members are encouraged to be a part of the meeting to voice their vote.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun	Dec 8	Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:30 & 11am <i>120th Anniversary with Bishop Satterlee and West Michigan BrassWorks</i> Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Congregational Picture 12 Congregational Budget Meeting 12:05
Tue	Dec 10	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Dec 11	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:30 Wednesday Evening Worship 6
Sat	Dec 12	VASA & Sons of Norway St. Lucia Pageant 12-4 Violin Ensemble Concert 5:30
Sun	Dec 15	Lessons and Carols Worship Service @ 8:30 & 11am Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45

Advent Beer and Hymns! December 10 from 6-8

Need a little holiday cheer? Have no fear! Beer and Hymns is back this year! On Tuesday December 10th from 6-8, O'Duffy's Pub (804 W. Vine St.) is opening especially for us! We'll celebrate the season with a time of singing, fellowship, fun, and more singing all in the cozy atmosphere of this wonderful neighborhood pub! Invite your friends and be sure to join us for this wonderful evening! (**note - if you were crowded out last year, please give it another shot! The pub is opening specially just for this event this year, so there should be a little more space ;)*)

Volunteers Needed! There are two upcoming opportunities to help with Christmas decorations at Trinity: **Monday December 9** at 10:30am - We need help installing wreaths, hurricanes, candles, swags and greens in the sanctuary and gathering space. The trees will already be up, so no heavy lifting for us! **Monday January 6** at 10:30am - We need to take down and put away all Christmas decorations. *If you can help, please contact Jen Gatz at gatzjen@gmail.com or 269-993-2301 (text/call).*

Advent devotional materials, prayer booklets for adults, families, and children, are available in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful way to help keep our focus on Christ during this Advent season and the holy days of Christmas.

Children's Christmas Pageant and Hotdog Lunch - Mark your calendar for Trinity Lutheran's annual Sunday school Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 22 for the 11am Service!** After the program, our youth group will host a hot dog luncheon at noon. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the youth ministry activities. Please plan on joining us!

Personal Care donations for the Clothes Closet: Feminine hygiene products, soap, toilet paper & toothpaste.

Christ Clothes Closet: The Closet needs donations of women's underwear size 6 & 7 and socks, and winter coats for all as they continue to give away cold weather gear throughout this season.

Advent Wednesday Evening Prayer Services: All are welcome to join us for a reflective time of prayer and guest musicians each Wednesday in Advent at 6pm. We will be using the Holden Village Vespers Service and feature guest musicians at each service. For those unable to join us in person, the services will be live-streamed on YouTube and available to view anytime following the service.

Advent is a special time to remember the poor. Baby Jesus was sent without any provision for comfort. There is a bulletin board in the fellowship hall near the giving tree that challenges each of us to consider making a personal sacrifice for a time for Jesus' sake. Do share the plan you come up with in the space provided. That is one way to "encourage one another to love and good works"- from Hebrews.

From the SCRIP (gift card) Table: We hope you will take advantage of the gift cards our Service Ministry has available at the SCRIP Table; they are a perfect fit and easily mailed! Please stop by the SCRIP table or call Janet Gullickson (260-372-0081) to buy or order cards and support our work. Thank you!

Express Lane for the Salvation Army Angel Tree

For those who might prefer to give a gift without going shopping, here is an option: 1. Choose a card from the Angel Tree 2. Bring it to the SCRIP gift card table 3. Choose the retailer and amount you wish 4. Put both cards in the Angel Tree gift box

The Salvation Army Angel Tree will be set up in Fellowship Hall to collect toys in **November through December 15.** We suggest that for teenagers a gift card to a teenage-friendly store or activity is appropriate. There will be a small box on the SCRIP table for the cards. After selecting a tag from the tree, purchase an appropriate gift, and deliver the UNWRAPPED gift to the box by the tree with the tag attached. Any questions, call Rasma McMullen: 349-9429

If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.

Refugee Families in Need! Trinity is working with Bethany Christian Services to sponsor new refugee families for the holiday season. We currently have 5 families that have a list of practical needs and wish list items and as a congregation we would like to be able to fulfill those needs! If you are interested in helping with this project with individual items, or wish to sponsor and entire family, please contact the church office or Pr. Jake.

Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry Requests:

Although basic food needs are being met, our pantry clients are most grateful for extras that are not often included in our Loaves and Fishes orders. Adding any of these items to your grocery cart would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the church office.

cooking oil

corn bread/muffin mix

mustard/ketchup/mayo (small bottles are fine)

cereal (incl. oatmeal, specially instant)

cake mix/frosting

We continue to have a need for plastic bags but at this time, we no longer are in need of egg cartons.

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed December 11. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary".

Saint Lucia Christmas pageant: On December 14 Vasa Satellite Lodge and Sons of Norway Askeladden Lodge will host a traditional Swedish Saint Lucia Christmas pageant at Trinity. All are invited to meet in the Sanctuary at 2 pm for the thirty-to-forty-five-minute festival of light pageant, then adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for traditional Scandinavian refreshments. There may even be a surprise visit by Father Christmas (or Jultomten). Festivities will wrap up at 4 pm.

Ladies Christmas Lunch will be December 11 at 11:30am at The Park Club at 219 W. South Street. The cost will be \$25 per person which includes tax and tip. Please make payment to Joanne Musselman. The menu will include soup, salad, beverage and dessert. This is a fun way to meet old friends and new and celebrate this beautiful season of the year together. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and call Joanne with any questions at 26-344-1433. Hope to see you there!

