

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!

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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

PRELUDE: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (BWV 645)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

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.

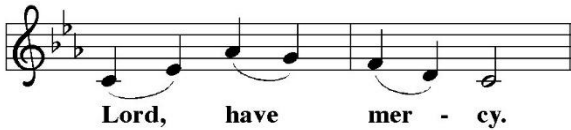
C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying **ELW #436**

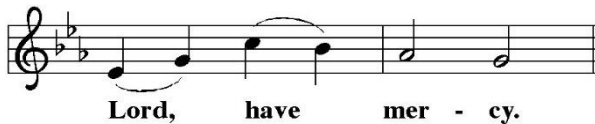
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

A - men, a - men.

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Glory to God

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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

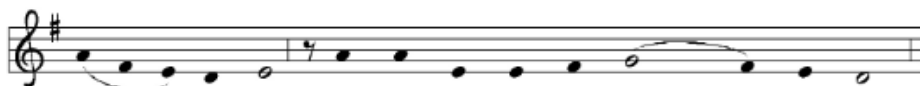
(please be seated)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - vs. 1



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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your

faith.

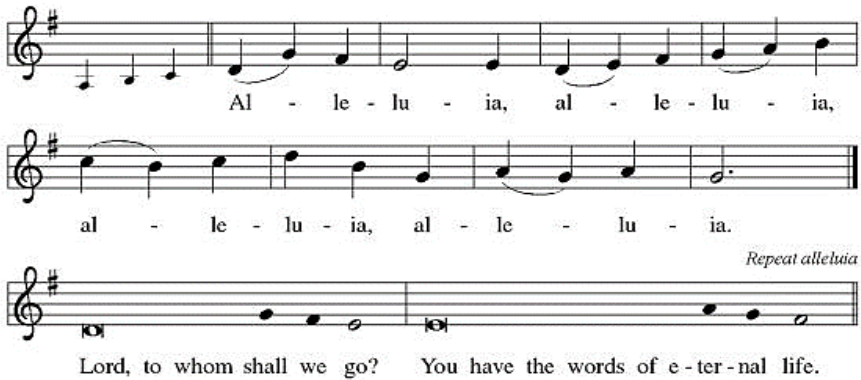
¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 21:25-36**

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and

know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

***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.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of

loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering (*especially*). In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. 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 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" setting by Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008)

11:00 - "Babylon Is Fallen" W.E. Chute (1832-1900)

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*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 in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

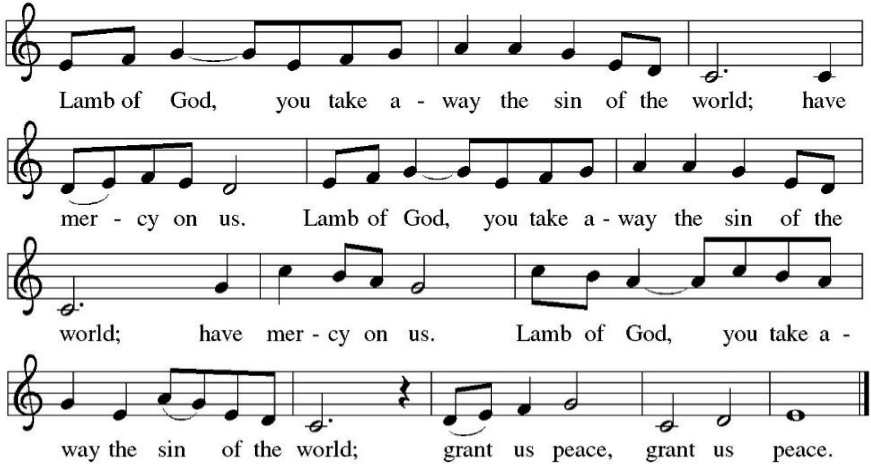
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Setting by Ruth Elaine Schram (b.1956), Debbie Harding, Piano

11:00 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
setting by Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008)

*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 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending ELW #435

*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chorale: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" J.S. Bach

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, Julie Peterson

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Paula Sportel, Jason Grubaugh
11:00 Tom & Joy Kuhs

LECTORS: 8:30 Arlen Gullickson
11:00 Pat Mason

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avery & Nolan Fowler
11:00 Miryam Greenman, Evelyn Sutherland

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God in honor of Cayden Gougeon-Catarino's 13th birthday today, December 1 from Jennifer Gougeon-Catarino and Israel and Laura Catarino; and by Sharon and Jennifer Greenman in honor of Emily Wright's birthday today.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ruth Krueger, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Vicky Phillips, Linda Ward, David Mason, Marge Bateman, Rachel, Alex and Emma.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY, DECEMBER 1!

Poinsettias orders may be picked up AFTER the 9pm Service on Christmas Eve or on Sunday, December 29.

2025 Pledge Cards! If you haven't done so already, take a moment to fill out a Pledge Card for next year. Extra Pledge Cards are available near the entrances to the sanctuary or from the church office.

Trinity will have our 120th Anniversary Worship Celebration on Sunday December 8th at both 8:30am & 11:00am Services. Bishop Craig Satterlee will be preaching and West Michigan BrassWorks will be joining us for worship. We will also be taking a congregational photo immediately after the second service to commemorate the anniversary!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun	Dec 1	Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:30 and 11am Choir 9:25 No Sunday School - *Craft activities available
Mon	Dec 2	Prayer Shawl 10
Tue	Dec 3	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	Dec 4	Wednesday Evening Worship 6
Thu	Dec 5	P.E.O. 9:30
Sat	Dec 7	Family Ministry Parent's Afternoon Out 12-5 Violin Ensemble 4-6
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

There will be a congregational meeting on 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. Please make every effort to be at this meeting!



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.

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).*

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!

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! We have cards for eating out, DIY needs, gasoline, groceries, clothing shoes, and cosmetics. The cards are also a easy way to make a gift to the Salvation Army Angel Tree. (See below for Express Lane directions.) Profits this year have been used to match the Youth's Battery Project collection (\$404.25), for needy individuals and families, and for Ministry with Community BINGO prizes. Please stop buy 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**. The tree has tags with age and sex of a child, with some suggestions for a gift, but you do not have to buy what is listed. We do 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. The Salvation Army has a "toy store" where parents come and choose an appropriate gift for their child. 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.

EMM invites Trinity to A Baroque Noël on December 1, 2024 – 3 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. To celebrate the Christmas season, Early Music Michigan presents the *Messe de Minuit pour Noël* (Midnight Mass for Christmas) of Marc-Antoine Charpentier. This special mass from 1694 is based on ten beloved French Noël's, which we will feature in settings for organ and Baroque chamber ensemble. To that end, we will be joined by Michigan-based historical performance ensemble "Les Écuries du Roy," an oboe band who will perform with us on reproductions of seventeenth-century instruments. Pay what you will for tickets!

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.

- Granola bars or similar items
- Pop tarts
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)

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.

