

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021 – Traditional Service with Communion



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope.

Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

*Currently, we recommend all those attending worship wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, for your safety and the safety of others.
Thank you for your cooperation.*

We track attendance for communion. If you plan to commune, you're invited to register yourself beforehand on our website (trinitylutheranchambersburg.org), by calling the church office (717-263-8156), or ushers can register you when you arrive.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary.

Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

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Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing.

The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing.

The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved.

Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Pethel

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God for whom we wait,

**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 care for your world.

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.

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.

Amen.

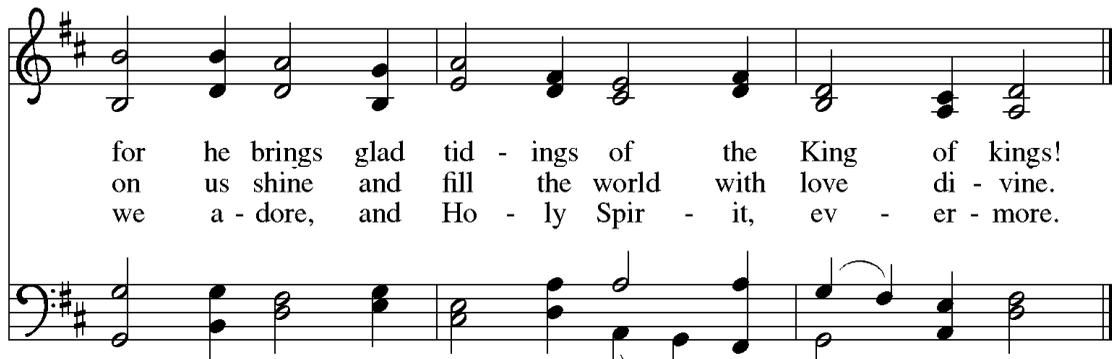
HYMN OF THE DAY *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* ELW 249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH/CHILDREN'S SERMON
APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,
and open our ears to the preaching of John,
that, rejoicing in your salvation,
we may bring forth the fruits of repentance;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin.
This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book,
prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem.
Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.*

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE REPONSE

Isaiah 12: 2-6

We will speak the verses responsively.

In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Is. 12:6)

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,
and has become my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;
proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

*Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter.
Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns
with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming.

John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

“Hope, Peace, Joy, Love”

Pastor Spomer

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Carol of the Bells”
Benton Miller, Piano

Arr. Setliff

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 18.

A brief silence

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you!

OFFERING

Please place your offerings in the plate provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. Thank you for your generosity and faithful support.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.



Words of Institution

Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



All Sing: So, we thank You for_ the wine _ and for the bread; __ For



see the life _ You gave _ and the blood You __ shed And we re -



-mem - ber Your won- drous_ love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your



blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous _



love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your _ blood.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

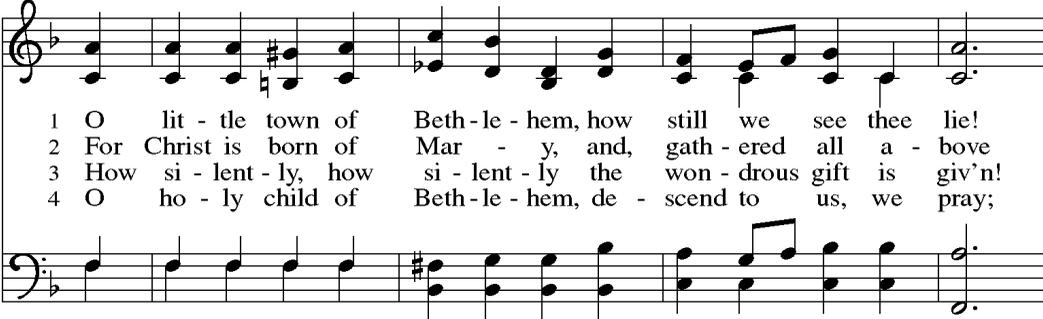
Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary and proceed forward.

The pastor will place the bread in your hand.

*Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.*

After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.

Grape juice is available; please request that from the communion assistant if you prefer it.



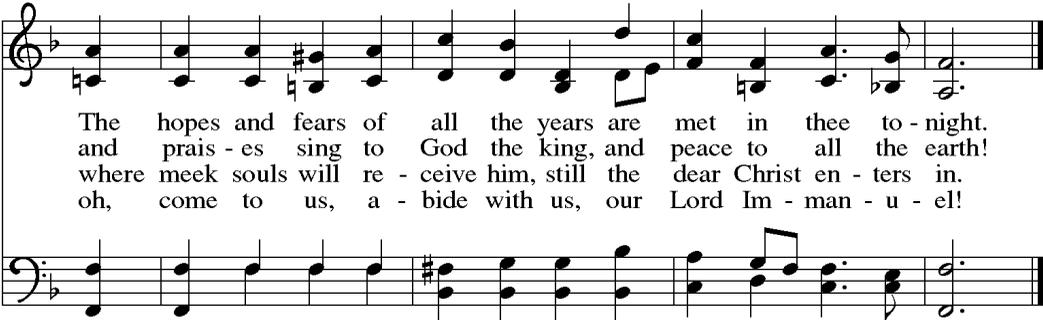
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

COMMUNION HYMN

"Love Has Come"

ELW 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



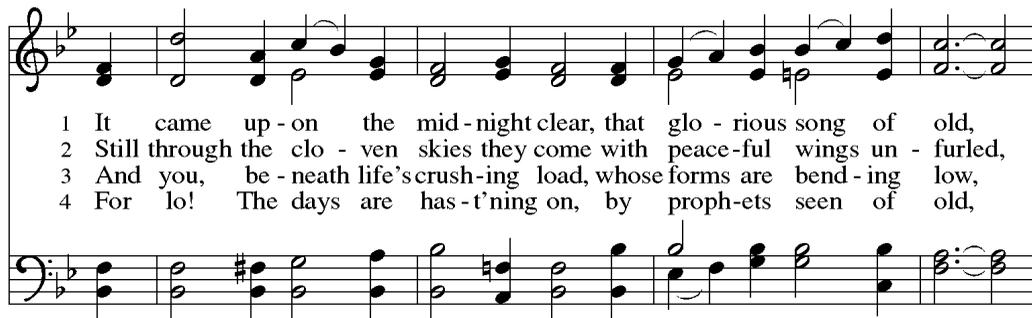
hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



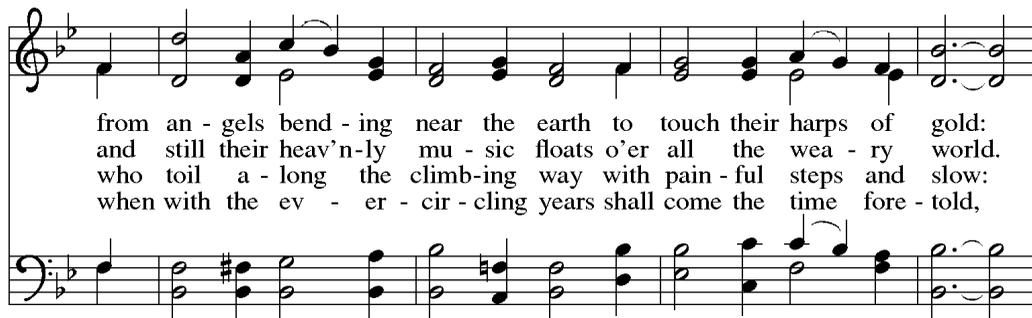
you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!



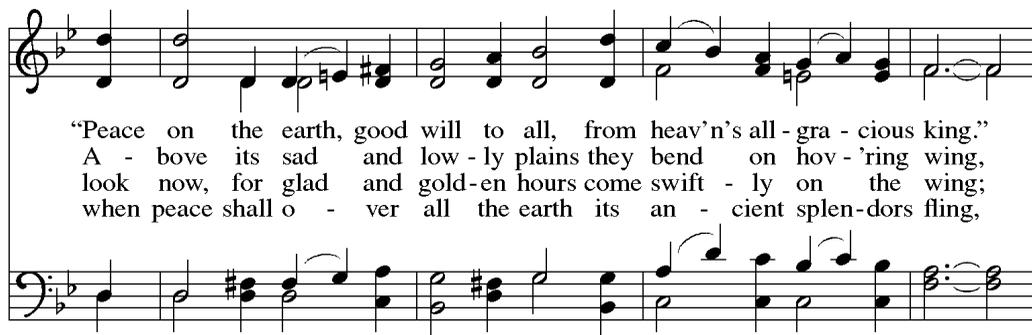
COMMUNION HYMN *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"* ELW 282



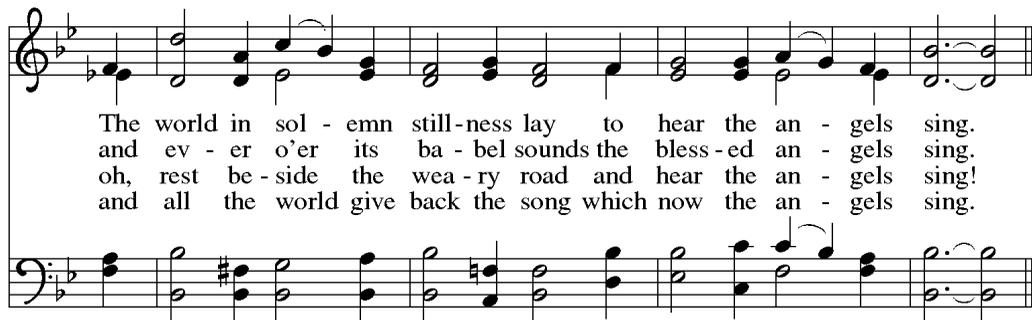
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

COMMUNION BLESSING POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"What Child Is This"

ELW 296

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Blake

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Preacher	<i>Pastor Herb Spomer</i>
Presider	<i>Pastor M. David Kiel</i>
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>
10 AM	
Lector	<i>Phil Lobaugh</i>
Cantor	<i>Renee Kiel</i>
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Livestream Team	<i>Christie Brown Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw</i>

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
Saturday, December 04, 2021	21
Sunday, December 05, 2021	87
Online Worship Service Views:	206

Next week's Lessons:

- Micah 2:2-5a
- Psalm - Luke 1:46b-55
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 13:39-45



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of my husband William H. Cockley & grandson Jared G. Wenerd's, by Bill & Bonita Cockley



The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God by the Wadas family.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight Services
Friday, December 24, 2021
7 PM in-person & streamed
9 PM in-person
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JOB VACANCY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY PART-TIME JOB

The Financial Secretary's job position is to receive, record and deposit all funds into the bank, and forward information to the Treasurer. Must be a member of Trinity, detail oriented, have computer skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. For more information contact the church office.



The church office will be **CLOSED** from *Monday, December 27, 2021 and will reopen Monday, January 3, 2022*



If you are interested in sponsoring the Christmas Eve Children's Bulletins, please contact the church office for more information.



CANDLE SPONSORS NEEDED

If you are interested in sponsoring the Christmas Eve vigil candles and/or the pew candles please contact the church office for more information.

Amazing Grace... Amazing God

Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Sign to Promote Positivity in Chambersburg

Signs are ready and available in the office. They are free for the taking, however, if you are so inclined, a donation of \$10 per sign would help defray the costs.

The church yard sign has been developed with a positive statement about God and our congregation. We hope each member of Trinity will take one of these signs home with them and place it in their yard for an indefinite period of time.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Audrey	Dale Rucker	Cheryl Kelly
Dottie Fochtman	Pat Spare	Ayano Sakai
Charlie Snyder	Denny Varner	Shirley Tomlinson
Jeff Vanderbush	Lois Hess-Strite	Larry Royce
Brenda Zullinger	Curt Stambaugh	Cameron
Lynn Fisher	Bob Rynecki	Kayla Reed
Michele Phillips	Greg Woods	Mary Royce
Alan Keith	Ron Portner	Jim Cistone
Susie Glick	Jane	

MEMBERS

Floss & Diane Stern	Hazel Strait	P. Sidney & Suzanne Strayer	Douglas & Ellen Strickland
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***



**Coffee and tea maker and donut / treat provider for
Coffee & Donuts and Scripture & Coffee on Sundays.
Sign -up Sheet in Hallway or call / email the church office.**

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 12/12	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Class – Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee - Social Hall
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Donuts - Lounge <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday - 12/13	7:00 PM	Bible & Brew—Trojan Diner
	7 - 9 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 12/14	10 - 11:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Lounge
	11:30 AM	Worship Committee - Lounge
	12 NOON	Trinity Office Staff Christmas Lunch
	7:00 PM	Church Council - Lounge
Wednesday - 12/15	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir practice - Sanctuary
Thursday - 12/16	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge
Friday - 12/17		
Saturday - 12/18	4:00 PM	Worship - Chapel
Sunday - 12/19	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Class– Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee - Lounge
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Coffee & Donuts - Lounge <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Philippians 4:4 –Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.

Joy is the theme for the third Sunday of Advent.

Philippians reminds us to rejoice – to find the joy – in God. Always!

*Though we live in a world that has many troubles,
we can always find joy, in God's love. Joy is a way of life for steward/disciples.*

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 12/05/2021 Offering: \$17,604.00

Thank You!



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Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
Secretary / Fin. Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Sexton	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Asst. Financial Secretary	<i>Sage Brown</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*