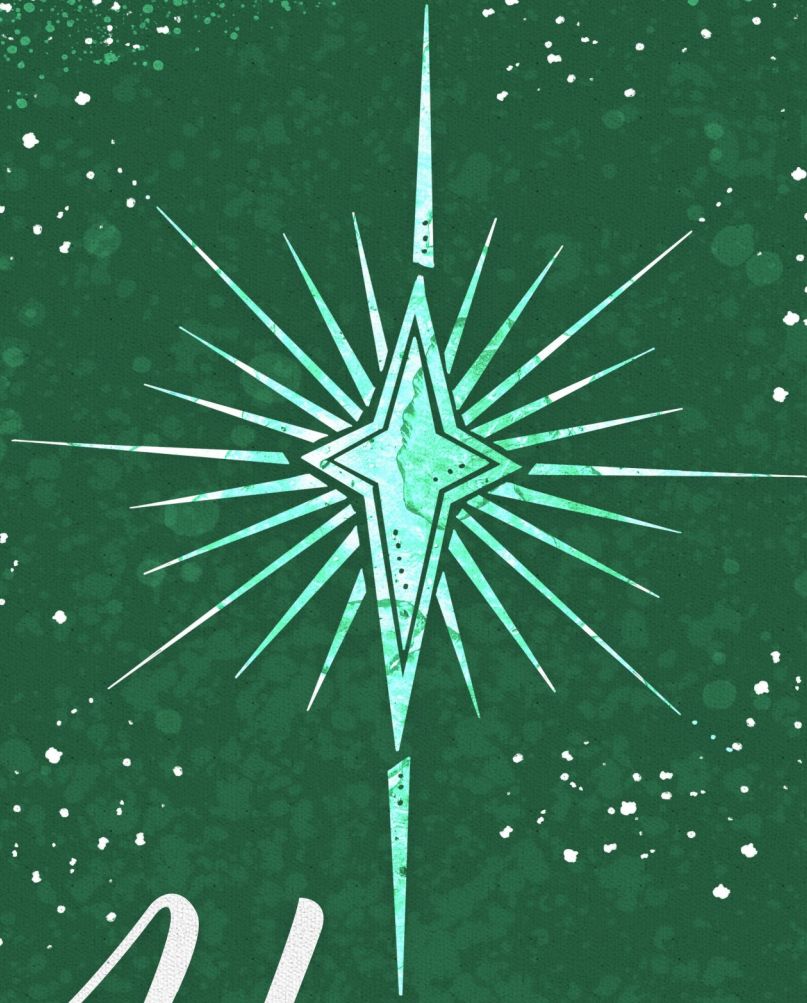


First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



Hope

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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

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.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Innes

Please stand as you are able.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

*Kathy Ashway and
Gloria McCauley*

First Sunday in Advent:

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, *the candle of hope*, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
we open all the dark places in our lives and
memories to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.
Amen**



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW 257



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
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;
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
teach us your will and guide our way. Re - joice! Re - joice!
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we



praise you for your glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power,

Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection

awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins,

and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

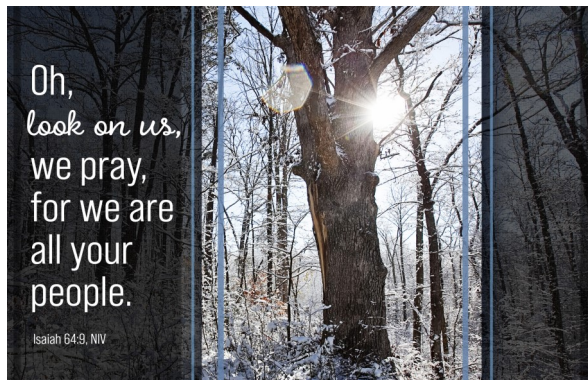
Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



PSALMODY

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

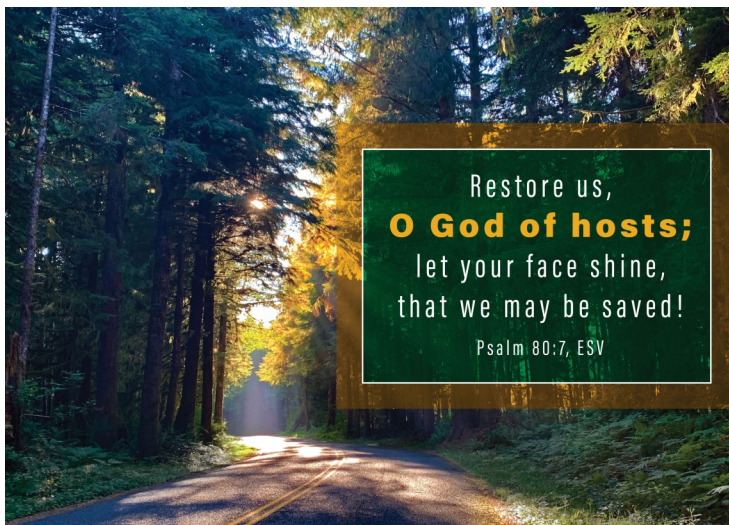
⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus,
Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through
spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues the melody for 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with a final double bar line.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Barb Barry

ANTHEM

*“We Wait For Him”
Childrens Choir*

Schram

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 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Merciful God.

R: receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. We are not currently passing the collection plates; instead you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship.

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:

Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

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.

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.

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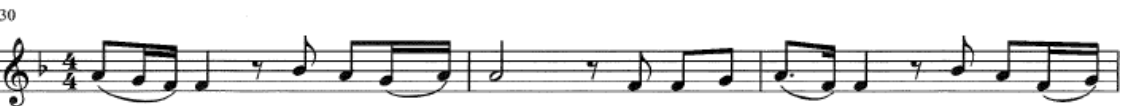
Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



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



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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**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.**

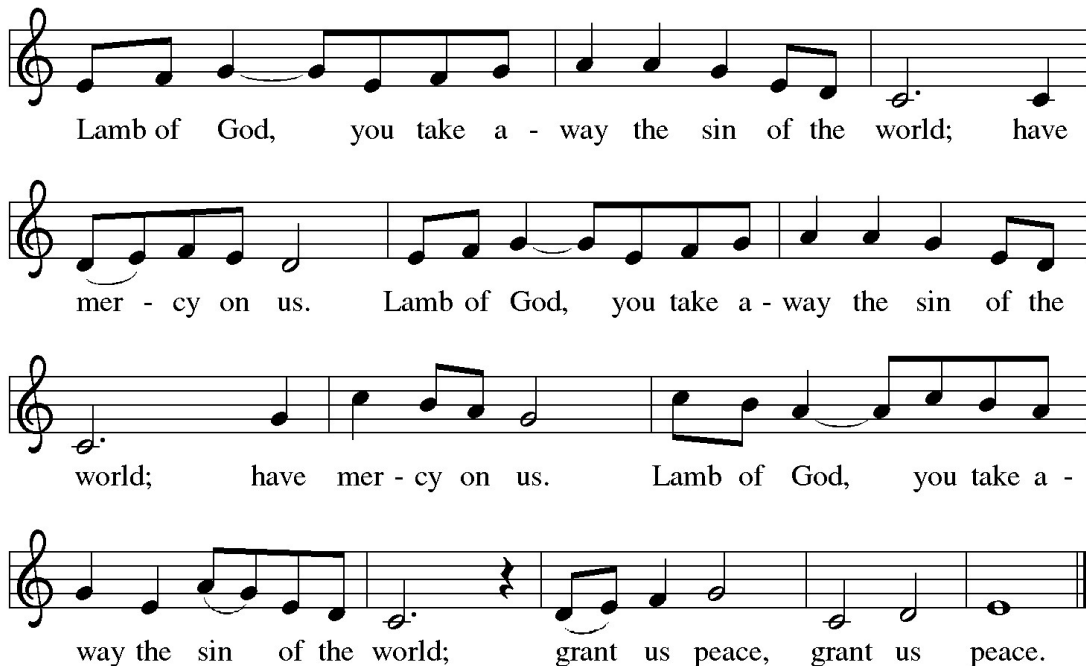
Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

It is the Advent of the Lord.
Receive Jesus and be renewed.

Thanks be to 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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

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

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

*Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you
a cup of wine or juice from the tray.*

Wine is red. Juice is white.

After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW 244

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing night.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

James Denton

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
 and in loving memory of William H. Cockley
 by Bonita Cockley.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God
 and in honor of Trinity's children
 by Dave and Becky Morningstar.*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, November 26, 2023:	81
Online views:	14

Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 40:1-11
- Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
- 2 Peter 3:8-15a
- Mark 1:1-8



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Barb Barry</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Candle Lighting	<i>Kathy Ashway Gloria McCauley</i>
Ushers	<i>Lynn Fisher Dewey Hutsler</i>
Acolyte	<i>Luke Coder</i>
Lector	<i>Darcy Aurand</i>
Cantor	<i>Elizabeth Sutton</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Ray Brindle Barb Woods</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Dave Etter Louisa Etter</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel</i>



Home-made Cookies Needed for The Franklin County Jail:

Please see the
December Newsletter
"Connecting With Others".

Jean Druckenbrod has offered to pick up cookies dropped off at the Trinity Office on Thursday, December 14th for The Franklin County Jail Ministry.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & Friends of Gertrude Kampmeyer	Carl Fahnestock	Deb Hutsler
Paul Stockhausen	Bob Shannon	Thomas Clarke
Barry	Bea Clark	Brenda Zullinger
Rebecca Alleman	Linda Remson	Marlene Fisher
Stanley Shilling	Bernice Conner	Mary Royce
Tammy McDonald	Jean Baughman	Phyllis Dusman
Becky Morningstar	Sue Lensbower	Floss Sterner
Shirley Shilling	Diane Sterner	Curt Stambaugh
Judy Royce	Doris Krieble	Cheryl Kelly
Denny Verner	Greg Wilson	Cameron
Sharon Emmons	Doug Price	

MEMBERS

Lou & Linda Lerda Maria Lerda Lynn & Rick Lerew Phillip & Colleen
Lobaugh

*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

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

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of November 26, 2023: \$167,115.51

Amount received as of November 26: \$123,270.18

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING *Spiritrust Lutheran Counseling Services*

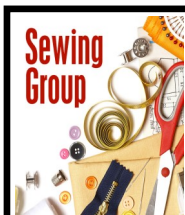
December's special offering for the month is for the **Spiritrust Lutheran Counseling Services** and the **Prison Ministry**. Please remember these special ministries with your offering this month.



Christmas Dinner: Trinity's Church Council is planning a congregational Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023 at 6 PM in the Social Hall. The CASHS Choristers will provide entertainment. Christmas Dinner will be catered by Hickory Ridge Restaurant. ***Reserve your seat by Dec 3.***



Bell Ringers Needed: The Salvation Army is requesting bell ringers for their Red Kettle Fundraising. Trinity has accepted to ring the bell at Sunnyway Foods on Saturday, December 9 from 9 AM to 5 PM. This is an **inside** venue. This is a wonderful Christmas service opportunity. The more who sign-up, the shorter the commitment of time will be. Please call ASAP the church office 717-263-8156 or contact Louisa Etter at 717-352-7691.



SEWING GROUP

Dec. 13, 2023 @ 11 AM

@ Gloria M's home.

For more info call/email the church office.

CPR is still being offered by the YMCA for congregation members at a discount. The church will cover the cost.

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Evan Sutton via email @ evanjsutton@comcast.net, or phone at 717-263-7840.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 12/03	9:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages:</i> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Monday - 12/04	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 12/05	11:00 AM	Worship - Lounge
	6:00-9:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Property - Lounge
Wednesday - 12/06	10:00 AM	Service Committee - Lounge
	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 12/07	6:00 PM	Learning Cloud 9
	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
Friday - 12/08	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 12/09		Christmas Card Day
Sunday - 12/10	9:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages:</i> Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>



Gift Cards Needed for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.
Cards from Walmart, Kohl's, and Target in the amount of \$25 turned
in no later than December 3rd to the church office or to Deb Hile.



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Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Cistone</i>
Administrative Assistant	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

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Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Laura Pearce</i>
<i>David Wenerd</i>	<i>Wallace Whitworth</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"*