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**TRINITY UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
658 Grand Avenue, Waukegan IL**



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WELCOME

Welcome to all who join together to worship here at Trinity United Lutheran Church today. Our goal is to invite you into a meaningful relationship with God that will transform your life. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long time member, the following items might be of help to you as you participate in our worship service.

Questions: Hospitality team members are located throughout our worship space. They are wearing a name tag with their name and "Hospitality Team Member" printed on it. They will be happy to answer any of your questions before, during or immediately after worship.

Worship Information Forms: In order to have a record of worship for both members and visitors, we ask that you fill out the worship information form. You may also use this sheet to communicate prayer requests, celebrate good news, or share information with the church staff. Worship information forms will be collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day **so that your prayer requests may be offered in worship today.**

Children: Children are always welcome in worship. However, should the need arise, our cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary. Changing tables are located in our washrooms.

Cell Phones: We ask that you make sure your cell phone is off or in "silent" mode so there are no phone calls during the worship service.

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Finding Emmanuel

“Emmanuel” (or “Immanuel”) is an ancient Hebrew name meaning “God with us”. The prophet Isaiah tells of one who will come as a child to be the face of God to God’s people. In the gospel of Matthew, Isaiah’s prophecy – “Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Immanuel” – specifically names Jesus as Immanuel. Furthermore, when Jesus predicts his death in John’s gospel, he tells his disciples that he will send the Holy Spirit, a “helper,” who will “be with you forever,” bridging the gap as “God with us” until Jesus’ return. In Matthew’s gospel, after giving the great commission to “make disciples of all nations,” Jesus reassures his followers, “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Throughout the Bible, we learn what it means to see “God with us”. God is with us when we cry out in despair and when we hear words of hope. God is with us when we study the life of Jesus and when we offer him our praise and worship. And, because the Church continues to carry out Jesus’s earthly mission, God is with us in one another, here and now.

As you consider God’s presence with you, consider also what you might offer to God, the Church, and other people in the coming year. We invite you to complete the Offering Insert included in today’s bulletin. During the hymn “Joined Together In One Body”, we will process to the manger with our offerings and inserts, observing that Jesus unites us and God is here! (After the procession, the ushers will collect offerings and inserts from those who choose not to process.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Langhoff

Improvisation on “The King Shall Come” -- Joshua

(*Please stand as you are able)

GREETING HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

ELW 260

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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*GREETING

Pastor: Grace and peace from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*KYRIE

ELW Setting 10

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING LITANY

Reader: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

Four candles are lit.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.
 As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination.
 Show us the creative power of hope.
 Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
 Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.
 Magnify your love within us.
 Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
 That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

ADVENT SONG

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” ELW

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4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
 Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

Finding Emmanuel

Opening Reading

(Matthew 24:29-31, 36-42, 25:1-13)

Jesus said:

‘Immediately after the suffering of those days
 the sun will be darkened,
 and the moon will not give its light;
 the stars will fall from heaven,
 and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

tribes of the
 heaven”
 trumpet call,
 the other...

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the
 earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of
 with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud
 and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to

nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming
 of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,
 marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing
 until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then
 two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding
 meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not
 know on what day your Lord is coming.

lamps and
When the
of oil with
slept. But
out to meet him.” Then
said to the wise, “Give us
“No! there will not be
for yourselves.”
ready went with
bridesmaids came
know you.”

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their
went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks
their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and
at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come
all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied,
And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other
also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not
Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Anthem:

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

African-American Spiritual, arr. by John

Helgen

(Trinity and Sagrado Corazon Sunday School)

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
For this work is almost done.
Children, don't get weary...
Darker midnight lies before us...
Lo, the morning soon is breaking...*

Finding Emmanuel in Despair

(Isaiah 64:1-12)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

as 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!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From 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.

You 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.

We 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.

There 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.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

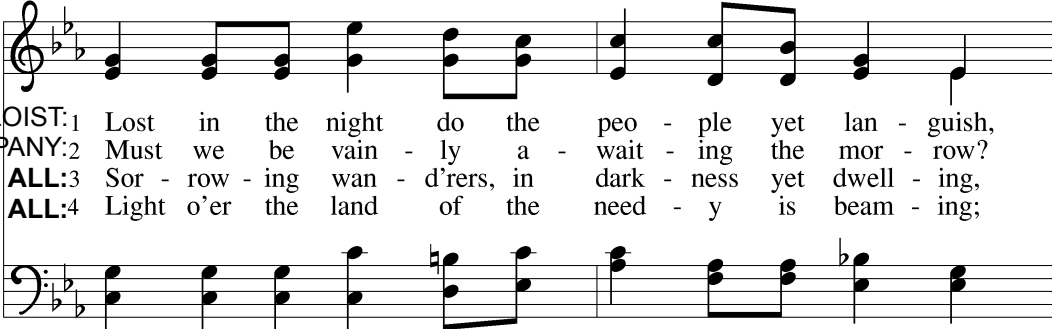
Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins.

After all this, will you restrain yourself, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and punish us so severely?

Hymn:


“Lost In the Night” ELW 243



SOLOIST:1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,
COMPANY:2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?
ALL:3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,
ALL:4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;



long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,
Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,
dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,
riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,



plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.
giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?
death's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ling.
bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.



Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?
Christ is com - ing soon! Christ is com - ing soon!
Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

Text: Nordic hymn; tr. Olav Lee, 1859-1943, alt.
Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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Finding Emmanuel in Hope

(Isaiah 40:1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hymn:

"All Earth Is Hopeful" ELW

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To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
 PRAISE BAND: 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 ALL: 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 ALL: 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 ALL: 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Finding Emmanuel in Jesus

(Isaiah 7:14)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Anthem:

Wexford Carol, Traditional Irish Carol, arr. Peter

Niedmann

(Trinity Choir)

Good people all, this Christmas time,
 Consider well and bear in mind
 What our good God for us has done
 In sending his beloved son
 With Mary holy we should pray,
 To God with love this Christmas Day
 In Bethlehem upon that morn,
 There was a blessed Messiah born

The night before that happy tide
 The noble Virgin and her guide
 Were long time seeking up and down
 To find a lodging in the town
 But mark right well what came to pass
 From every door repelled, alas
 As was foretold, their refuge all
 Was but a humble ox's stall

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
 Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
 To whom God's angel did appear
 Which put the shepherds in great fear

Arise and go, the angels said
 To Bethlehem, be not afraid
 For there you'll find, this happy morn
 A princely babe, sweet Jesus, born
 With thankful heart and joyful mind
 The shepherds went the babe to find
 And as God's angel had foretold
 They did our Saviour Christ behold
 Within a manger he was laid
 And by his side a virgin maid
 Attending on the Lord of Life
 Who came on earth to end all strife

There were three wise men from afar
 Directed by a glorious star
 And on they wandered night and day
 Until they came where Jesus lay
 And when they came unto that place
 Where our beloved Messiah lay
 They humbly cast them at his feet
 With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending his beloved son

With Mary holy we should pray,
To God with love this Christmas Day
In Bethlehem upon that morn,
There was a blessed Messiah born

Hymn:

“My Lord, What a Morning” ELW

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Soloist sings Refrain & Verses 1 & 2; All sing Refrains after Verses 1 & 2:

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

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(Soloist)₁ You will hear the trum-pet sound,
(Soloist)₂ You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Finding Emmanuel in Praise

(Isaiah 9:1-7)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Praise Dance:

Worship Team

“All Glory” by the Women of Faith

(Trinity Praise Dance Group)

Finding Emmanuel in One Another

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The passing of the peace is a sign of our common unity under Christ, a time of community. Because of health concerns, members are encouraged to share the peace and join with others in the Lord's Prayer in ways they are comfortable with. All are also encouraged to be true to their own beliefs and be aware of their own health, limiting contact when they have been ill, and washing hands frequently. Hand sanitizer is available for your usage.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING

As the choir introduces the hymn, we process to the manger with our offerings and bulletin inserts, observing that Jesus unites us and God is here! After the procession, the ushers will collect offerings and inserts from those who choose not to process.

December loose offering is designated to LOVE INC. This means that if you have loose offering which you would like to designate to the general ministry of the church, you will need to place that in a pew envelope. Loose checks made out to Trinity will also go towards our general ministry. All other loose offering will go towards the designated outside ministry.

***OFFERING HYMN:**

“Joined Together In One Body”

Verse 1: Choir

Joined Together as one body, Knit together, we are one.
We the Church, God’s chosen body, Live our faith in Christ, the Son.
We are called to be disciples! We are called to live in love!
Bring your hearts and minds, disciples, Dedicate your lives to love.

Verse 2: Choir

Joined together by the Spirit, Ev’ry person brings a gift.
Ev’ry life is full of merit; Hearts of gratitude we lift.
We are called to be the faithful! We are called to live in love!
Such an honor to be faithful, Full of life and full of love.

Verse 3: All

**Joined together, all-embracing, Yet our sep’rate selves we bring;
On our hearts our God is tracing Words of love that make us sing.
We are called to be God’s servants! We are called to live in love!
Such an honor to be servants, Ever faithful in God’s love.**

Verse 4: Choir

Join together, sons and daughters, Lift your voices, loud and strong!
Come with singing, come with laughter, Lift glad praises with a song!
With great joy shout Hallelujah, Christ is with us, we are one!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah we are one!

Verse 5: All

**Joined together as one body, Knit together, we are one.
Still, each person in Christ’s body Will remain a sep’rate one.
We are called to be God’s people! We are called to live in love!
Always longing, as God’s people, For God’s gracious, healing love.**

Finding Emmanuel Here and Now

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 9-12)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.

Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the tops of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands.

Anthem:
Voicing”

“Come Rejoicing, Praises

**Ancient Bohemian Carol, arr. Mark Albrecht
(Trinity Choir)**

Come rejoicing, praises voicing; Christmas day is breaking.
The eternal Lord supernal human form is taking.
He is born in a stall, now he lies, infant small
In a manger, heav’nly stranger, Lord of all!

Whom the sages and the ages anxiously awaited,
Angels proudly herald loudly in their songs elated.
Let us, too, in these days thankful hearts gladly raise,
To the tender infant render all our praise!

Child appealing, light revealing Jesus Christ our pleasure;
God, yet very Son of Mary, heaven’s gift and treasure.
Mighty king, gentle friend, as our Lord to us bend,
And caressing us with blessing, now descend!

***PRAYERS**

Pastor: Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all who await God's justice.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Pastor: Hear us, O God,

All: your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words:

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

All: Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

All are invited to join hands while praying:

**All: 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.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: God most high,
God with us,
God poured out on us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“Joy Has Dawned” by Keith Getty & Stuart

Townend



CHOIR:
ALL: 1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom-ised from cre - a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un-furled,
ALL: 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels, as the might - y Prince of Life
ALL: 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands
ALL: 4. Son of A - dam, Son of Heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som; Re - con - cil - ing God and man -



hope for ev - ery na - tion. Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of
shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in
pro - phes - y a sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is
Christ our might - y Champ - ion! What a Sav - iour, what a Friend, what a glo - rious



glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Ma - ry.
 dark - ness, cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 with us; Myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.
 mys - t'ry: Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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Joy Has Dawned (Hymnal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joshua Langhoff

“In Dulci Jubilo” arr. Wilbur Held –

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are ill or were hospitalized recently:

- Yoko
- Ed
- Char
- Helga , Lake Forest Hospital
- Terry
- Lorraine
- Vince
- Virginia

Those in assisted living residences:

- Olga (Terrace, Waukegan)
- Ray
- Richard (Claridge, Lake Bluff)

Our shut-ins at home:

- Violette
- Jean
- Lorraine

Those in service of our country:

- Patrick , Ft. Lee VA

Those who mourn:

- Bob & Sylvia & family on the loss of Bob's cousin Charles on November 25th
- The family upon the death of Arthur (Binky) , Desiree Cole's first cousin
- For the family on the death of their son Griffin, and for healing and wholeness for their son Nick (friends of the Grudt's)

Those who celebrate:

- Birthdays: Ross 12/19, Lea 12/22, Sophia 12/23, Jeanette 12/23, Michael 12/24, George 12/24, Dorothy 12/24

Our family and friends:

- Megan R. , Peggy , Regina , Sharron , Jeannie , Margot , Nita , Alma , Robert Lee Jr., Celeste , Edward , Robert , Mike , Monty , Bill , John G. Sr., continued healing & blessings; Patrick, Yesenia, Ailani & Naomi , Ft. Lee VA (requested by Joe & Desiree)
- Work, health, relationship (requested by Dorothy)
- Bernard; Lovella ; Cindy; Adele (requested by Gladys Pit)
- Healing & support for Adam , Hodgkins Lymphoma; safe travel for everyone attending Erin's graduation in Michigan; for calm & special care for Pastor Grudt & family at this special Advent season; healing for Tom, Jean Theron, Karen, Fred, Audry, Bob, George, Willard, Ed, Virginia, Ann, Vince, and others we name in our hearts (requested by Ken & Diana)
- Prayers for Yoko , stem cell treatment to fight multiple myeloma (requested by Gene)
- Continued prayers for Diane's sister Denise, chemo (requested by Allen & Diane)
- Strength & blessings to Helga; healing after pancreas surgery for my cousin (requested by Diana)
- Please say a prayer for Hilda who is in the hospital (requested by Yvonne)
- My daughter-in-law Claire , hospitalized (requested by Gerry)
- Continued comfort & healing for daughter Lara Smith; guidance & strength for sister Sandy (requested by Judy & Ross)
- That school will go well for my mother & I (requested by Stephenie Shaffer)
- Comfort Bengston & Cota families; comfort Mary & Earl; be with Ed, Helga, Vince, & Terry; dear friend Pat Ulman (requested by Ann & Vince Johnson)
- Bailey Hansen, healing of broken pelvis; prayers for all those that have placed shopping for things above remembering what Christmas is all about! (requested by Liga Minejevs)
- Pray for work for our grandsons (requested by Jim & Janet Elsbury)
- Thanks be to God! Gary finally found a job. Many prayed for this (requested by Irene Slettum)
- I wish everyone the best Christmas this year (requested by Nariah McKnight)
- Continued prayers for Terry (requested by Carol Fisher)

Others:

- Safe travel for all, especially for the Ben-Carew family December 14th to Sierra Leone, West Africa

- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago IL; The Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope, Bishop Dr. Victoria Cortez Rodriguez; Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Bishop Lawrence R. Wohlrabe

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2011

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Organist/Keyboard	Joshua Langhoff
Hospitality	Gerry Hommes, Marilyn Hall, Jeanette Swanson, Gladys Piat, Nancy Bjerstedt
Missionary Support	Given by John & Donna Hansen in memory of son Philip
Altar Guild & Communion	Jan Elsbury
Counters	David Rautanen & Danny Newborn
Fellowship	

Program Participants

TRINITY CHOIR: Josh Langhoff, Director
Diana Endress, Donna Hansen, David Hughes, Ann Johnson, Carole Johnson, Vince Johnson, Helga Larsen, Allen Layburn, Betty Nelson, Ed Nelson, Bonnie Oldfield, Terry Oldfield, Char Rautanen, Gene Sanderlin, Doug Shepard, Mary Shepard

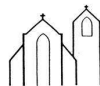
TRINITY & SAGRADO CORAZON SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Debbie Shaffer, Stephenie Shaffer, Nieves Lebron, Teachers; Patrick Pasko and Tori Pasko, Assistants

TRINITY PRAISE DANCE GROUP: Desiree Cole, Director
Nariah McKnight, Stephenie Shaffer

VOCAL SOLOISTS: Gene Sanderlin, Stephenie Shaffer

READERS: Janet Elsbury, Joe Grudt, Allen Layburn, Don Roberts, Gene Sanderlin

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Ben Grudt, tenor saxophone and percussion; Joe Grudt, percussion; Amy Nelson, trumpet; Katie Szostak, violin



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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

December 18 – December 25, 2011

Sunday, December 18	9:30AM Trinity United Worship/Christmas Program 12:00PM Sagrado Corazon Worship 4:00PM Blue Christmas Service
Monday, December 19	7:00PM COOL/ULH
Wednesday, December 21	9:00AM Parish Nurse 9:30AM Newsletter Assembly
Thursday, December 22	7:00PM Bell Choir 8:00PM Choir
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24	2:00PM S.C. Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM Trinity Candlelight Worship & Communion
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25	6:30PM Sagrado Corazon Worship 9:30AM Trinity Worship 12:00PM Sagrado Corazon Worship

The Church Office will be closed
Monday, December 26 – Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2.
During this time, you may contact Pastor Rich at 224-610-9702.

Little Bear Child Development Center Weekday Hours: 6:30AM – 6:00PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS: There are years we hurt at Christmas time, unable to enjoy the festivities like others. At these times we need to make the space and take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone. Please join us for our "Blue Christmas" worship service this afternoon at 4 p.m. Bring a friend who might be feeling the same way.

THANK YOU to all who brought in a new coat for a homeless child in Lake County during the Help Keep Them Warm/Coats for Kids 2011 collection sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The donation deadline is today, **Sunday, December 18th**.

THANK YOU TO ALL who have turned in their yearly estimate of giving cards. If you haven't had a chance, please return your card by **December 18**. These may be placed in the offering. Extra cards and envelopes are available in Larson Hall. Trinity United thanks you for your committed support.

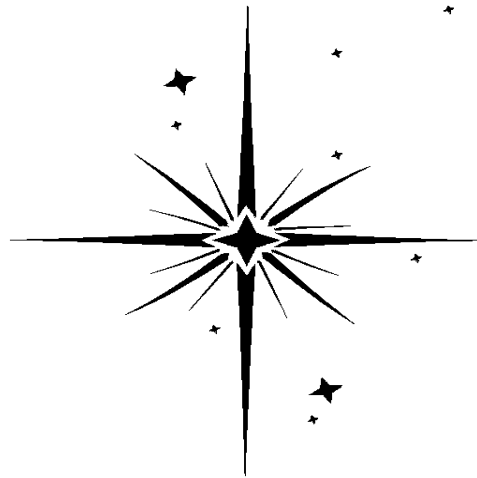
2012 ALTAR GUILD SIGNUP: Please sign up for 2012 altar guild monthly duties on the volunteer bulletin board in Larson Hall. An Altar Guild meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

CAP & MITTEN TREE: Trinity United Women are collecting caps, mittens, gloves and socks for PADS — all sizes. As the weather grows colder, these items are always needed. Please place your items on the tree or in the PADS collection box in Larson Hall. While this is a project of the Women's organization, we invite everyone to share in this project.

CHRISTMAS CARD DISPLAY: Trinity's annual Christmas Card display encourages members to share their holiday greetings with other members of the congregation by placing their card on the display board in Larson Hall. We then suggest that members donate the "saved" postage money as a contribution to the "Christmas Card Fund". Money collected is sent to the LSSI Prison Ministry Program to help provide assistance to the families.

TRINITY UNITED CONTRIBUTORS: All offerings for the year 2011 must be received in the church office by the close of the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 25, 2011 in order to be included in the 2011 church reports and listed in your member final 2011 Contribution Statement.

Celebrate the Season at Trinity United



Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Family Worship
Candlelight, Carols & Communion

Sunday, December 25th at 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
New Year's Day Worship & Communion

