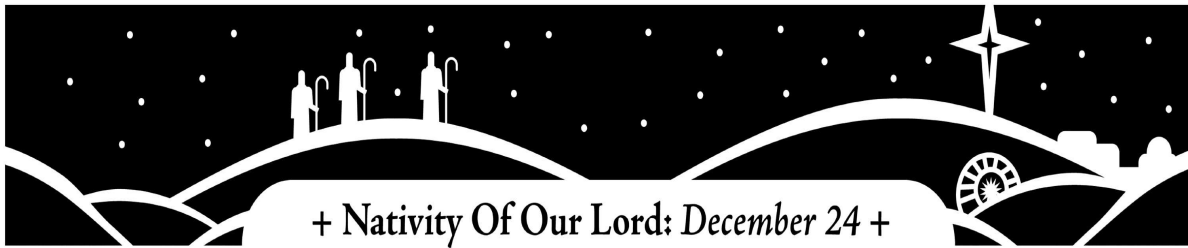


Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
4:30 p.m.

TRINITY UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
658 Grand Avenue, Waukegan IL



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WELCOME

Welcome to all who gather here today to worship here at Trinity United Lutheran Church. Our goal in worship is to invite all people into an encounter with God that moves them to give all they are back to God. We hope this is the experience that you have this morning. 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.

Communion Invitation: The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered as part of our worship service. You need not be a member of Trinity nor even a Lutheran to share the Lord's Supper. We invite all who are baptized and who believe that Christ comes to us through this meal of bread and wine. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing by the pastor.

Communion Distribution: Communion distribution will be by intinction, coming up the center aisle. That means that the Pastor will present you with the bread (the wafer), which you will take and either dip it in the chalice of wine (held closest to the Pastor), or in the chalice of grape juice (furthest away). Take and eat this, then return to your seat through the side aisles. **Please let our ushers know if you need to receive communion in the pews.**

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 that your cell phone is off or in "silent" mode so that there are no phone calls during the worship service.

Reverend Richard Grudt, Pastor
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GATHERING

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

PRELUDE

"O Holy Night" by Adolphe C. Adam/ arr. Fred Bock

– Joshua Langhoff, piano

"Sing Noel: A Christmas Fanfare" French Carol/ arr. Jay Althouse

– Gene Sanderlin, soloist

"How Suddenly A Baby Cries" by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Fionan de Barra

– Bonnie & Terry Oldfield and Katie Szostak

"A Choral Fanfare" by Linda Pevacek

–Trinity Choir

(*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN – "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come...ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

REFRAIN: Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father

Now in flesh appearing! REFRAIN

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God...In the highest: REFRAIN

*GREETING

Leader: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE

"O Savior of Our Fallen Race" HFW 938

*GLORIA - "Angels, We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

REFRAIN: Glo....ria in excelsis Deo;
Glo....ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? REFRAIN

*SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

³You 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.

⁴For 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.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For 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.
⁷His 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.\

PSALM 96 (read responsively)

L: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
**C: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
 tell of His salvation from day to day.**
 L: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.
**C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
 He is to be revered above all gods.**
 L: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
**C: Honor and majesty are before Him;
 strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**
 L: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
 bring an offering, and come into His courts.**
 L: Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations,
 "The LORD is king!"
**C: The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
 He will judge the peoples with equity."**
 L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*
 let the field exult, and everything in it.
**C: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 before the LORD; for He is coming,
 for He is coming to judge the earth.**
 L: He will judge the world with righteousness,
 and the peoples with his truth.

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11–14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus

Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

***ALLELUIA CAROL – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

RESPONSIVE CAROL “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!**

Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

REFRAIN: Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Grudt

SERMON

Pastor Grudt

HYMN "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Alani Linares Cole
Naomi Clorice Cole**

Presentation

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor(s): I present Ailani for baptism.

Sponsor(s): I present Naomi for baptism.

Pastor (to the parents): Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have these children baptized?

Parents Response: I do.

Pastor: As you present Ailani and Naomi for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of

God and the holy supper, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Patrick and Yesenia, do you promise to help Ailani and Naomi grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents Response: I do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors Response: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Ailani and Naomi and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

All: We do.

Renunciation of Evil

Pastor I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church:
Do you renounce the devil and all forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God

Response: I renounce them.

Profession of Faith

Pastor: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response: In faith I turn to Christ.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Response: **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.**

Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Baptism

Pastor: Ailani/Naomi, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

All: **Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, and the spirit of mercy.**

Laying on of Hands

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Ailani and Naomi with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Signing with the Cross

Pastor: Ailani/Naomi, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
All: **Amen.**

Presentation of a Candle

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

Welcome

Pastor: Through baptism these children have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit..

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The service resumes.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assistant: Let us bring our prayers for the church, all creation, and the needs of the world before God.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words:

Pastor: Rejoicing in your glory revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation, through Christ our light.

All: Amen.

*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 in Larson Hall for your usage.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING *(The offering is collected as the Lord's Table is prepared)*

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Come Rejoicing, Praises Voicing”,

Ancient Bohemian Carol, arr. Mark Albrecht

Trinity Choir with Katie Szostak, violin

*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!*

*OFFERTORY CAROL – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever-more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assistant: Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: The bread of God comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.
Come, eat, and live.

Communion is served.

Communion is continuous and will be served by intinction. Intinction involves taking the wafer given by the presiding minister and dipping it into one of two cups held by the worship assistants and then placing the wafer in your mouth. The cup closest to the presiding minister contains wine. The cup farthest from the presiding minister contains grape juice. Those who wish may kneel at the communion rail for prayer after receiving communion are welcome to do so. After receiving communion and/or kneeling for prayer, participants are asked to return to their seats via the side aisles. Please let our ushers know if you need to receive communion in the pews.

"Christmas Bell Tidings" arr. Michael Ryan

Bell Choir

CAROLS DURING COMMUNION

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.**

**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king,
And peace to all the earth!**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,**

From heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing.
And ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

"The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

REFRAIN: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **REFRAIN**

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray.

Great and saving God,
you have gathered your scattered people
around gifts of grain and wine,
the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

As we, like the shepherds, return on our way,
may we proclaim all we have heard and seen,
praising you in word and loving deed
for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

***CAROL - "What Feast of Love"**

**What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

***BLESSING**

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

All: Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

"Silent Night, Holy Night"
Helga Larsen, soloist; Katie Szostak, violin

(The lighted candle is never tilted. When all the candles have been lit, we sing "Silent Night, Holy Night!" together.)

Soloist, Helga Larsen will sing one verse of "Silent Night" in German, then the congregation sings:

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts ... sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

***CLOSING CHRISTMAS LITANY**

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

All: and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: to all who received Him, who believed in His name,

All: He gave power to become children of God. Thanks be to God!

Sanctuary lights come on.

Please now extinguish all hand held candles.

***CLOSING CHRISTMAS HYMN - "Joy to the World"**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

and wonders of His love,

and wonders of His love and wonders, wonders of His love.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go in peace, Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Gloria In Excelsis"

Trinity Choir



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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

TRINITY WOMEN will serve the Waukegan Woman's Club Luncheon on **Monday, January 9, 2011**. Though there is no Trinity Women general meeting in January, circle meetings will resume.

EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 11: Ephesians is an invitation into a world of grace, sweeping us into an all-encompassing vision of God's eternal plan to redeem all creation. For 6 weeks every Wednesday from 10 – 11 a.m., we'll invite participants to a spirituality of knowing and living the peace of Jesus that is the destiny of the entire creation. Sessions will include: "Drawn into God," "Jesus Is Our Peace," "Knowing the Unknowable," and "Imitating the Inimitable." There is no cost, and friends are welcome.

PASTY LUNCH & A MOVIE: SAGES meets **Thursday, January 12th** in Larson Hall at 12:30 p.m. for Pasty lunch and a movie. Beverages will be provided (coffee, milk & juice). Each pasty is \$4.00. We ask those attending to bring a plate of cookies to share during the movie. All are welcome to attend. Please sign up in Larson Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING -- Sunday, January 29, 2012

Please attend this important meeting in the life of your church.

POINSETTIA DONORS MAY TAKE THEIR PLANT/S AFTER WORSHIP.
PROTECTIVE PAPER PLANT BAGS ARE AVAILABLE IN LARSON HALL.

**Thank you to the following members & friends who purchased
poinsettias that decorate the sanctuary**



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Mildred	In memory of my parents
Diana & Laura	In memory of Bob & Jessie
Joan	In memory of Dick & parents
Carole & Bob	In memory of Ione & Milton and Horace & Lillian
Vince & Ann	In memory of Jean & John
Ed & Betty	In memory of our parents
Danny & Louanne	In memory of William & Esther
Terry & Bonnie	In memory of parents
Guy E.	In memory of Virginia & Edgar
Gladys	In memory of Walter
David & Vivian	In memory of Hazel
Ross & Judy	In memory of Loved ones
Irene	In memory of John
Karen	In memory of parents



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ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THEIR PLANT/S
AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Those who are ill or were hospitalized recently:

- Yoko
- Ed
- Char
- Helga , Lake Forest Hospital
- Terry
- Lorraine
- Vince
- Virginia
- Pat , Vista East, pacemaker 12/28

Those in assisted living residences:

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

➤ Our shut-ins at home:

Violette
Lorraine

Jean

➤ Those in service of our country:

- Patrick , Ft. Lee VA

➤ Those who mourn:

- Bob & Sylvia & family on the loss of Bob's cousin Charles
- The family upon the death of Arthur (Binky) , Desiree first cousin
- For the family on the death of their son Griffin, and for healing & wholeness for their son Nick (friends of the Grudt's)
- The Dela family on the loss of brother-in-law Earl

➤ Those who celebrate:

- Patrick & Yesenia & family on the December 24, 2011 baptism of daughters Ailani & Naomi
- Birthdays: Michael 12/24, George 12/24, Dorothy 12/24, Malia 12/26, Alyssa 12/28, Judy 12/28
- Wedding Anniversary: Ken & Diana , 38 years 12/29

➤ 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)
- Healing & support for Adam , Hodgkins Lymphoma; safe travel while attending Erin's graduation; for calm & special care for Pastor Grudt & family (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)
- Please say a prayer for Hilda who is in the hospital (requested by Yvonne)
- Continued healing for daughter Lara ; (requested by Judy & Ross)
- That school will go well for my mother & I (requested by Stephenie)
- Comfort Bengston & Cota families; comfort Mary & Earl (requested by Ann & Vince)
- Bailey , healing of broken pelvis (requested by Liga)
- Pray for work for our grandsons (requested by Jim & Janet)
- Safe travel for Patrick & his family; I wish everyone the best Christmas this year (requested by Nariah)
- Continued prayers for Terry (requested by Carol)
- We pray for our loved ones who have been hurt by others (requested by Jason & Laura)
- I'd like to wish all our Troops & all our shut-ins a Merry Christmas (requested by John Van)
- 3 yr. old Ehrenn battling terminal brain cancer; praise be to God, no more suffering for uncle & brother-in-law Earl ! Peace and comfort for those left to remember him (requested by Sandy & Laura DeLa)

➤ Others:

- Safe travel for all during the holidays, especially for the Ben-Carew family in 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. Wohlrahe

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- **Presiding Minister**
- **Assisting Minister**
- **Organist**
- **Vocal Soloist**
- **Hospitality**
- **Altar Guild & Communion**

Reverend Richard Grudt
 Allen Layburn
 Joshua Langhoff
 Helga Larsen
 Diana Knoble, Laura Smith
 Diana Knoble & Laura Smith

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PRAISE BAND: Joshua Langhoff, Director
 Bonnie Oldfield, Terry Oldfield, Gene Sanderlin, Katie Szostak

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BELL CHOIR: Lea Langhoff, Director

➤ Josh Langhoff, Betty Nelson, Bonnie Oldfield, Terry Oldfield, Judy Salyer, Katie Szostak, Gene Sanderlin

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➤ Donna Hansen, Carole Johnson, Ann Johnson, Vince Johnson, Helga Larsen, Allen Layburn, Amy Nelson, Betty Nelson, Ed Nelson, Bonnie Oldfield, Terry Oldfield, Char Rautanen, Gene Sanderlin, Doug Shepard, Mary Shepard

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➤ **Children of God**



Ailani Princess Linares

➤ **Born February 11, 2008**

➤ **Sponsors: Yasmil Linares & Joseph Cole**

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➤ **Naomi Clorice Cole**

➤ **Born August 23, 2011**



➤ **Sponsrs: Megan Cole & Joseph Cole**

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