Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of South Newstead November 30th, 2025

1st Week of Advent



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

## PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Long-expected God,

ALL: we confess that we look to ourselves

for the peace and security only you can provide.

We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us,

that we may abound in the hope you have promised.

#### Amen.

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

→ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

ALL: Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: My Lord, What a Morning Blue Book: 627** 

## My Lord, What a Morning

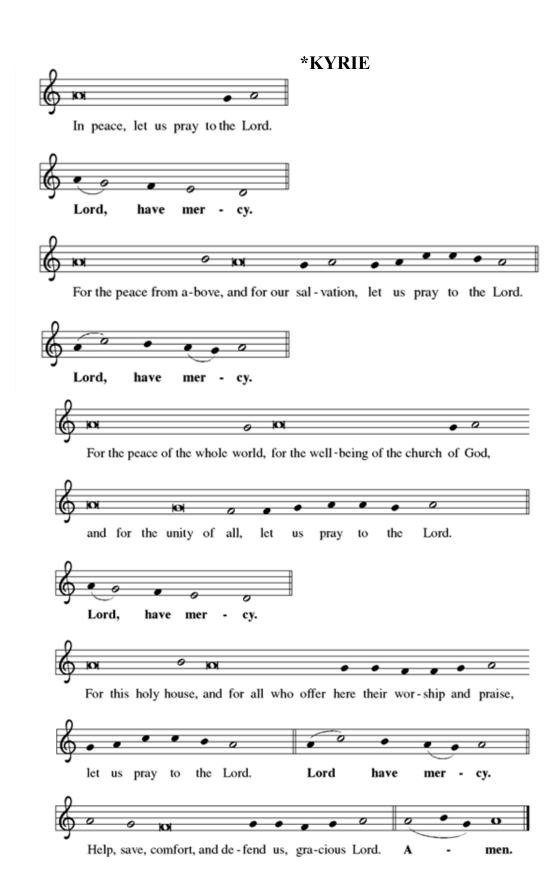


Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

#### \*GREETING:

L: 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.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray,

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.** Please be seated

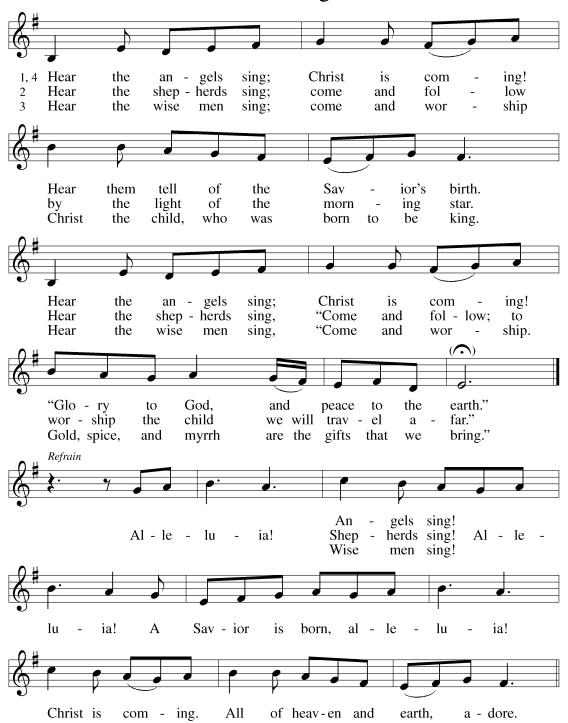
## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

## **HYMN:** Hear the Angels - verse 1

This first Sunday, the choir will sing through it first, and we will follow with verse 1 and the chorus. David will provide instruction.

## Hear the Angels



Text: Robin Cain

Music: HEAR THE ANGELS, Robin Cain and Phil Kadidlo

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#### ADVENT PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

ALL: Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

L: <sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills: all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God** 

#### **PSALM: 122**

L: <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

## ALL: <sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

## ALL: 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

L: <sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

## **ALL:** <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

L: <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

## ALL: 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions,

I pray for your prosperity.

L: <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

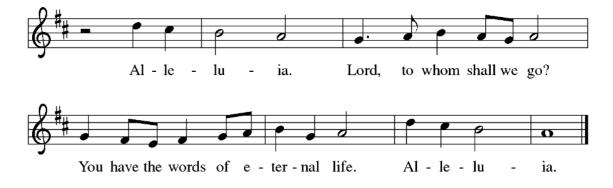
#### **SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

L: <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

#### ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

## CHILDREN'S TIME SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: He Came Down**

Please stand as you are able



Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949
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#### **NICENE CREED**

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith:

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **HEALING**

A word about this service:

The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives (mind, body or spirit) may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing through the laying on of hands.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

L: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Please stand.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Let us pray.

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created.

In your great mercy,

#### ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people.

In your great mercy,

## ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints.

Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. In your great mercy,

#### ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.

In your great mercy,

## ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

In your great mercy,

## ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. In your great mercy,

## ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.

In your great mercy,

## ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Redeeming God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts as a nation, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

In your great mercy.

#### ALL: Hear us, O God.

L: God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS

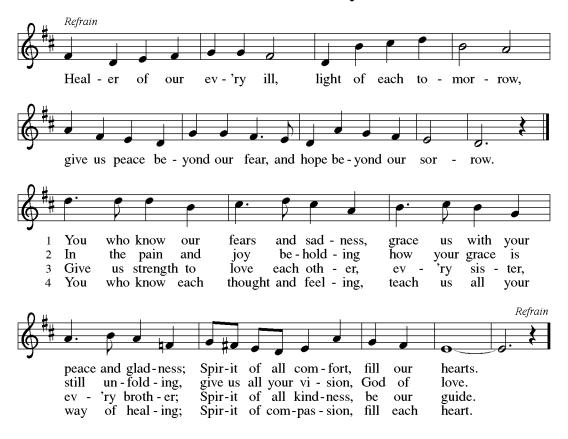
L: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands may approach and kneel or stand at the altar rail.

please be seated

HYMN: Healer Of Our Every Ill Blue Book: 738

## Healer of Our Every Ill



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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please stand

#### **PRAYER**

## L: Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

#### BLESSING

L: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

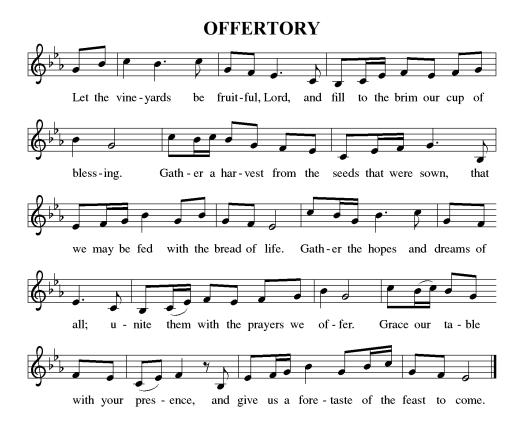
#### **OFFERING**



Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able





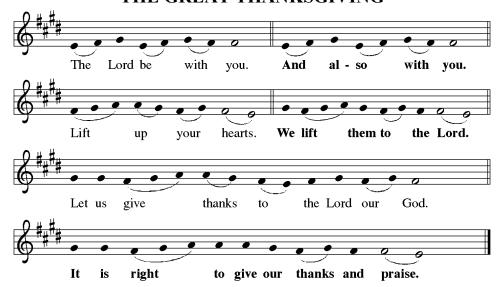
#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Let us pray together, Nourishing God,

ALL: you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

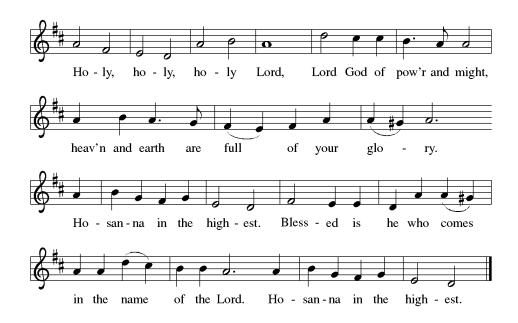
that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,

through whom you will also make all things new

in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

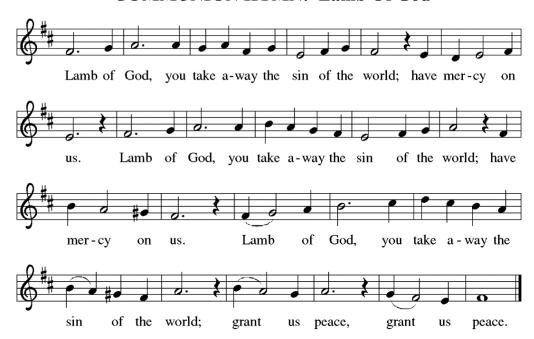
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

## **COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God**



COMMUNION HYMN: Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying - Green Book: 31

To be sung during the distribution of communion

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

## **COMMUNION HYMN** – by request, if needed

Please stand as you are able

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God our host,

ALL: at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

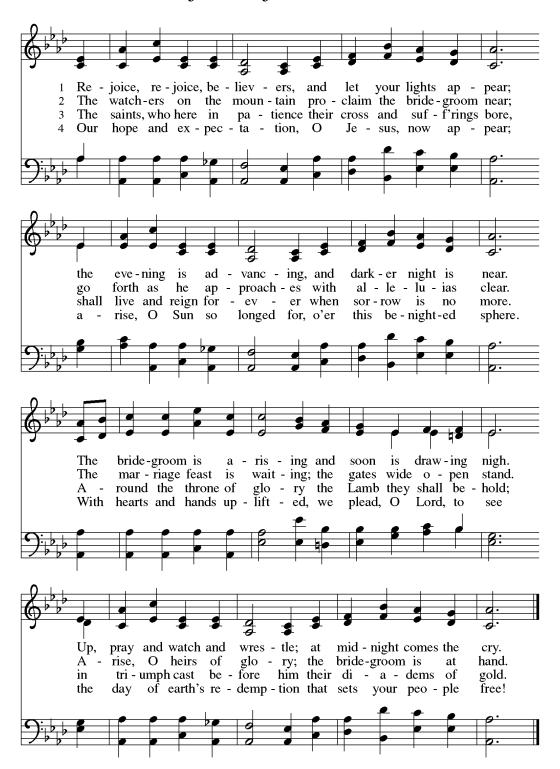
#### BLESSING

L: May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

ALL: Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers – Green Book: 25

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

#### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, keep awake.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## **About Today's Readings:**

#### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

## Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

## Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## <u>Please Hold in Prayer:</u>

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

## We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Dale Kruschke

Harold Gardner

Donna Kumpf

Kate Crampton

Nancy Peters (Harold's sister)

Bob Widenan

David Kennedy\Sharon Ferraro

Sherri (Mary Lou's friend)

Rachael Pastuszynski

David Kennedy

Paula Jendrowski

Ronda Lauridsen

## We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Shawn McCormick Anne Lauridsen Dave Urbanski Ann Hake

#### Weekly:

Choir rehearsal at 8:30am Sunday worship at 9:30 Sunday School at 10:45 – **NO SS Today.** Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see Bible Study list for location)

#### **Food Pantry:**

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

December distributions: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

<u>Christmas schedule</u>: Dec 1<sup>st</sup> setup, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> distribution. December 15<sup>th</sup> setup, December 16<sup>th</sup> distribution.

Counters: November: Jennifer Kleparek, December: Marilyn

Council: December 9 at 7:00

Office Info: Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Call, text or email any time.

Tracy will be away for Thanksgiving from 11/24-11/30

# Upcoming

TODAY - Chowder and Rummage Sale Debrief meeting following worship

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Decorating Party 10:00am

December 7th - Chrismon Sunday - also the last day to order Poinsettias AND -

Women's Group at noon! Christmas Chitchat!

December 14th - Sunday School Parents' (During SS hour)

**December 24**<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Services – 10am and 7pm

## Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who donated, set up and cleaned up from the rummage sale! We brought in \$1527!

Now comes the fun part. We need to deliver the remaining boxes to Goodwill or Salvation army. We have some volunteers spearheading it – If you need to get in the church, please call Ronda and she will come with her key and help you load. If there are items that are not sellable, Gordy Dorr volunteered to take those for trash. Tracy Dorr is going to take as many boxes as possible each Tuesday. If you think you can help, grab a box or see any of those folks! Thank you!

## **Bible Study**

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

-December 4<sup>th</sup> – Zion Lutheran-4447 Central ave Gasport

December 11<sup>th</sup> – St. John's 10213 Roosevelt Highway, Lyndonville, 14098

**December 18th** – Here at Trinity!

**December 25**<sup>th</sup> – No Bible Study

January 1<sup>st</sup> – No Bible Study

## **Poinsettia Orders**

It's time already! Order forms are in the narthex and are due no later than December 7th.

<u>WI-FI:</u> To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:

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