

**December 2-3, 2023**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**WELCOME TO TRINITY!** We are very happy that you are here to worship with us today. Trinity Lutheran Church and Nursery School believes that we are called to be "ALWAYS GROWING IN CHRIST" and we want to do everything possible to help you grow. We pray that the Gospel you hear today will take root in your life and do just that, grow.

**THE LORD'S TABLE:** We believe that the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, is the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. If you believe likewise, please join us at the altar when it is time to celebrate this holy meal. Even if you do not believe as we do, we still welcome all adults and children to come forward at Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor. Just decline the wafer at Holy Communion and Pastor will give you a blessing. Please note, the center ring of the tray of individual cups is non-alcoholic wine.

**Treasurer's Update**

Rec'd last week: \$11,979.50 (as of 10/31): (\$46,077.93)  
YTD Income (as of 10/31): \$337,613.45 YTD Expense as of 10/31): \$383,691.38  
Giving Tuesday to date: \$13,851.00 (Giving continues until December 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Attendance** Saturday 12, communed 12; Sunday 77 communed 67

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In thankfulness and praise from Kirk Golz

**FLOWERS** are needed beginning **Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your envelope "Altar Flowers" with your donation of **\$30.00**.

**NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate The Second Sunday in Advent. The sermon is titled "Receive Double!" and the hymn of the day is "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (LSB 347). The scripture lessons for worship are:

Introit	Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3	<i>Restore Us, O God</i>
O.T. (sermon text)	Isaiah 40:1-11	<i>Comfort for God's People</i>
Epistle	2 Peter 3:8-14	<i>The Day of the Lord Will Come</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8	<i>John the Baptist Prepares the Way</i>

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** is "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (LSB 350) by Johann Gottfried Olearius (1635-1711). This hymn was translated into English by August Crull (1845-1923), who was born in Rostock, Germany, but lost his father at a young age. When his mother remarried, the family moved to the United States, and Crull eventually graduated from the Saint Louis seminary. After serving as a parish pastor, Crull taught at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was known as a hymnologist, serving as the first major LCMS translator of German hymns into English. He made major contributions to the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book* (1889), the hymnal for the predecessor body of the LCMS English District, to which Trinity belongs today.

**DORCAS GUILD'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be on **Tuesday, December 5**, at 6:30pm in the Trinity Center. Please bring an appetizer to share and a "white elephant" gift! All ladies are invited!

**THE GIVING TREE SPONSORED BY DORCAS IS UP!** This year toys will be donated to York Township. Toys should be unwrapped and returned to church by **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Toys can be any amount, but not more than \$25. Thank you for taking a tag or two.

**DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED** We are in need of a delivery person for the Food Pantry on a bi-weekly basis. They are open M-W-F from 9am-11:45am and Wednesdays from 5-6pm. If you think this would work with your schedule, please give Donna Heuser a call at 630-913-6631 or email her at [heuser.donna@gmail.com](mailto:heuser.donna@gmail.com)

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** Please join the **Hanging of the Greens on Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will hang the greens immediately after the 7:00 pm worship service, please join us.

**DECEMBER 6, 13, 20 @ 5:30-6:30 ADVENT DINNERS:** The youth will serve dinner before the Advent worship services. Sign-ups for bringing meals are in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant, \$20.00 foiled, for the altar for Christmas please forward your request to the church office in an envelope marked "**Christmas Poinsettia**" with your name. Plants may be picked up after the 10:00 am service on Christmas Day. Orders are due by **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 9:00-11:00 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & 11:30-12:30 SANTA PAWS PET PICTURES** The youth are hosting the breakfast to raise funds for upcoming events. Pastor Rogers is making pancakes and Santa Dave will be there for pictures. If you'd like to lend a hand: Set up on 12/8 @ 6:00 (there will be pizza), make something for the bake sale, or help on event day

Come join the **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS PIZZA & BINGO PARTY, December 20th @ 11am** (immediately following Pastor Allyn's Bible Study). Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

### ADVENT WORSHIP TIMES:

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 PM (dinner at 5:30 PM)

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 4:30 PM (Advent 4)

**Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** – 12:00 (noon), 7:00 pm (no morning services)

**Christmas Day Monday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 am

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** – 4:30 PM

**Sunday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>** – 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM and 7:00 pm (Eve of the Name of Jesus)

**LUTHERAN WITNESS** If you would like to renew or start a new subscription of *The Lutheran Witness*, the rate is **\$20.65**. Checks payable to Trinity with *The Lutheran Witness* in the memo. New subscriptions and renewals are due to the church office **by Tues, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### HOMEBOUND

Aperion, W. Chicago: Deborah Bychowski

Beacon Hill: John & Connie Graham, LaVera Levin, Lowell & Judy Pals

Brighton Gardens, Whtn: Bill Rothenburger      The Bickford, Aurora: Grace Finke

Lacey Creek: Judy Sheridan      Lexington Elmhurst: Eileen Reese

**AT HOME:** Pastor & Carol Drews, Ron & Betty Edwards, Georgianna Ryl, Edith Schneider, Marcy Seils,      Strength and patience for all the caregivers.

**IN NEED OF HEALING:** Greg Bukowski, Grace Finke, Linda Gibboney (daughter of LaVera Levin), Jerry Juzwiak, Kara Lentine (cousin of Margaret Cotterill), Michael McCleavy (friend of Elaine Bruschuk), Phyllis McCurdy (Sister of Donna Heuser), Lisa Miller (daughter of Judy Sheridan), Laura Nettleton, (daughter of Alice Bezik), Tom Saunders, Betty Sennholtz-Graham (mom of Gloria Marchewka), Liz Suriano, Laurie Trapp (niece of Judy Wardo), Judy Wardo.  
We pray for peace throughout the world.

### FOR THE CHURCH:

Seminarian: Jackson Scofield      Bishops: Matthew Harrison and Jamison Hardy

Missionaries to the Dominican Republic–Rev. Dr. Jonathon and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann

Jay and Julie Dass, Lutheran Confessional Church of Pakistan

Morren Chelsi Lempas (Youth sponsored child from Indonesia)      Asian Indian Ministry

Pastor Sifuentes and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in the city

### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Commander in Chief – President Joseph Biden  
Adam Biladeau, Matt Boudro, Noah Brockie, Peter Halpin (son of Dan & Rhonda Halpin), Will Hinckley (grandson of Ed Gustovich), Cameron Littleton (Traci Dale Maher's brother-in-law), Matt & Mary Macella (grandchildren of Arlene Johnson), David & Alexander Nordman (grandsons of Ron Nordman), Josh Preisel (grandson of Alice Bezik), Ella Sperry (granddaughter of Cliff & Olinda Sperry), Paul Stahlke, Quentin Stubbs.

**BIRTHDAYS 3-** Debra Williford **4-**Betty Edwards

**5-**Josh Fulton, Donna Heuser, Macy & Casey Leija **6-**Aidan Kuehl

**7-**Kirk Golz, Scot Jaras, Sharon Montag **8-** Aaron Lotter

**ANNIVERSARIES: None**

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 3<sup>rd</sup> :

**Sunday:**      **Worship 8:00 AM** (FaceBook Live) & **10:30 AM**

**Monday:**      1:00-Al Anon

**Tuesday:**      6:00 Bible Study      7:00 Dorcas      8:00 AA

**Wednesday:**      **Worship 7:00 PM**      10:00-Bible Study      4:00 Confirmation

5:30 Soup Supper      8:00 Big House      6:30-Growing in Prayer

**Thursday:**      7:00 Choir, Daughters of the King      8:15 Voices of Praise

**Friday:**

**Saturday:**      **Worship 4:30 PM**      **9:00 Santa Breakfast**

### THOSE WHO SERVE December 3<sup>rd</sup> :

**Keyboard / Organ:** **4:30pm** – Kurt Linstead      **8am & 10:30am** Mary Stahlke

**Vocalists:**      **8:00** Jim Bruschuk      **10:30** Jonathan Stahlke

**Lay Assistants:**      **8:00** Darren Taylor      **10:30** Gloria Marchewka & Greg Billing

**Acolytes:**      **8:00** Cruz Collins      **10:30** Garrett May

**Ushers:**      **4:30** Rich Kumnick

**8:00** Bert Dale, Derek Bruschuk, Josh & Erin Bruschuk, Neal Rogers

**10:30** - Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong

**Greeters:**      **8:00** Bonnie Dale      **10:30** Denise Airdo

**Altar Guild**      Judy Buehre, Jenny Swensen

### THOSE WHO SERVE December 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM:

**Organ:** Mary Stahlke      **Ensemble:** Jubilate Choir      **Acolytes:** Hank Pavlovsky

**Ushers:**      Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**Keyboard / Organ:** 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead      8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke  
**Vocalists:** 8:00 Kate Ilcken      10:30 Christy Crandell  
**Lay Assistants:** 8:00 Henry Meier      10:30 John Dorn & Carlo Airdo  
**Acolytes:** 8:00 Hank Pavlovsky      10:30 Lorelai May  
**Ushers:** 4:30 Craig Musa  
8:00 Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel  
10:30 Gary Buehre &, Rich Kumnick  
**Greeters:** 8:00 Celeste Golz      10:30 Marilyn Bloechle  
**Altar Guild** Denise Airdo, Marilyn Bloechle

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM:**

**Organ:** Mary Stahlke      **Ensemble:** Jubilate Choir      **Acolytes:** Cruz Collins  
**Ushers:** Dave Heuser, Harley DeJong

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**Keyboard / Organ:** 4:30pm – Kurt Linstead      8am & 10:30am Mary Stahlke  
**Vocalists:** 8:00 Jim Bruschuk      10:30 Greg Billing  
**Lay Assistants:** 8:00 Darren Taylor      10:30 Kate Ilcken & Rich Kumnick  
**Acolytes:** 8:00 Jacob Bruschuk      10:30 Caleb Ilcken  
**Ushers:** 4:30 Bert Dale      8:00 Jon Alvarez, Steve Boudro, Joe Peacock  
10:30 Ron Boettger, Bob Rundgren, & Chris Gore  
**Greeters:** 8:00 Olinda & Cliff Sperry      10:30 Carol Edwards  
**Altar Guild** Diane Devermann, Donna Heuser

**THOSE WHO SERVE December 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM:**

**Organ:** Mary Stahlke      **Ensemble:** Jubilate Choir      **Acolytes:** Lorelai May  
**Ushers:** Scott Golz, Dante Apuzzo, Dino Apuzzo, Neal Rodenbostel