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Sunday School/Bible Study: 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Rev. Jordan J. McKinley, Pastor

Mission Statement:

As a family of God, nourished by Word and Sacraments, we at Trinity Lutheran Church are committed to sharing His love and reaching out to meet the needs of all people.

Gaudete- December 17th, 2023

Welcome to All, especially our guests, in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We are glad you are worshiping with us. If you have no church home, please consider making Trinity your church home.

Holy Communion: Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and repent of all their sins. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or are not members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod are asked to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament and speak to pastor. The Common Cup will be served to those who have not taken an individual cup.

+THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE, Page 184+

THE PRELUDE: "What Child Is This"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE OPENING HYMN: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" Hymn 345

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: Pages 184-185

THE INTROIT OF THE DAY: *See Insert – We Speak Responsively*

THE GLORIA PATRI & KYRIE: Pages 186

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-8

THE GRADUAL

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-10

THE NICENE CREED: Page 191

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "Arise, O Christian People" Hymn 354

PREACHING CHRIST CRUCIFIED

THE OFFERTORY: Pages 192-193

THE OFFERING: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

THE PRAYERS: After each petition P: Lord, in Your mercy; C: **Hear our prayer**

THE COMMUNION LITURGY: Pages 194-198 Hymns 347, 353, 337, 342

THE NUNC DIMITTIS, THANKSGIVING & BENEDICTION: Pages 199-202

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" Hymn 352

THE POSTLUDE: "Away in a Manger"

Worship Notes:

Ushers: Clint Wolka, Dale Shoemaker **Organist:** Monica Doty

Elder of the Day: Tom Brown

Assistant: Steve Shoemaker

Prayers:

- Those who serve the Church: Rev. Eric Stinnett, Rev. Thomas Bernard, Tirzah Krey, Rev. Matthew Harrison (Synod President) Rev. Rick Stuckwisch (District President), Rev. Martin Keller (Circuit Visitor)
- Those ill, hospitalized, or recovering including: Jeanette Chastain, George Delay, Blake Hackman, Tom Lugwig
- Our Shut-in and Homebound Members: Norma Peters, Frank Wolka, Sr., Bob Bane
- Those who mourn: the family of Rosemary Kinworthy; the family of Emily Darlage
- Those celebrating baptismal birthdays, including: Frank Wolka, Jr., Ray Redicker, Nancy Hawkins, Grayson DuBois
- Expectant Mothers: Julie Delph
- Those preparing for marriage, including Abby Brown & Jake Torrie; Joel Beck & Lillie Martin
- Vacancies: Lord of Life (North Vernon), Holy Cross (Scottsburg)

Attendance: December 10th, 2023

Worship: 137

This Week At A Glance (December 17th-24th, 2023)

Sunday: Christmas Practice @8:30A.M.

Divine Service Setting Three @9:30A.M.

Choir Practice

Caroling @2:00P.M.

Tuesday: Circuit Meeting at Wegan @10:00A.M.

Wednesday: LCS Chapel @8:30A.M.

Advent Dinner @6:00P.M.

Vespers @7:00P.M.

Friday: Youth Catechism @1:15P.M.

Sunday: Christmas Practice @8:30A.M.

Matins Service @9:30A.M.

Special Music @6:30P.M.

Christmas Eve Program @7:00P.M.

Stewardship:

- Offerings received last week: \$25,949.04 (incl. People's Bank Stock Dividend \$18,319)
- Total offerings received this year: \$312,346.09
- Total budget needs to date: \$328,104 (-\$15,757.91 behind)
- Other from last week: \$4 Budget Treasury Mission LCMS; \$85 Building Fund
- Checkbook balance: \$47,915.10
- General Fund Balance: \$16,611.64

From Pr. McKinley: As you can see, we are a little behind on our budget goal for 2023. Please help us reach our final budget total for 2023, that we would be good stewards of the gifts God has given into our hands and that we would be able to continue to gather here to receive the gifts God so graciously gives.

Trinity News and Notes:

- **Altar Care Sign Up for 2024**

The sign up sheet for altar care in 2024 is now in the narthex on the bulletin board. Sign up now to ensure you get the month that you want! Never done altar care before? See Debbie Helwig and Pattie Lubker for more information on how to serve the congregation and our Lord in this way!

- **Christmas Eve Special Music Sign Ups Available**

Are you or a group of friends looking to play or sing music on Christmas Eve before the Children's Program? You can sign up on the sheet on the table in the lobby from now until Wednesday, December 20th. Please put your name(s) and the piece you will be singing or playing. Please note: if you need any accompaniment, you are responsible for finding it. Special music will start at about 6:30 on Christmas Eve, followed by the Children's Program at 7.

- **Christmas Caroling Postponed**

Due to rampant illness, the Household of Faith Christmas caroling event planned for today has been postponed. We are currently working on the possibility of Christmas caroling sometime after Christmas. Please stay tuned for more information as the situation develops.

- **Installation of Officers**

The installation of new officers will take place during the service on Sunday, January 7th. Your newly elected officers are: Board of Education: Ryan Stuckwisch; Board of Elders: Mike Shoemaker; Board of Stewardship: Ben Brewster; Board of Trustees: Clint Combs; Financial Secretary: Wes Spray. Thank you to all those who let their names stand for election. May the Lord strengthen us for the tasks He has given us to do!

- **Mark Your Calendars**

This coming year's Epiphany service will take place on Saturday, January 6th, at 7 p.m. Follow the wisemen to worship the one who is born king!

- **Dinner Auction**

Preparations for the 21st annual Trinity Lutheran High School Dinner Auction are in full swing! This year's event will be held on February 24, 2024 at TLHS. The auction steering committee is currently seeking donations of items such as desserts, one-of-a-kind items, gift baskets, event tickets, memorabilia, handcrafted items, experiences, gift cards or gift certificates, and more for our live and silent auctions. We have seen in recent years that the more unique the item the more highly desired it is! Do you have a vacation rental that you would be willing to donate for a week or long weekend? A skill that you could teach in private lessons or a small class setting? A secret family recipe that you could prepare for a lucky winner? Any of these types of donations would be great additions to our auction! For more information or to donate items please contact Erin Brooks ebrooks@trinitycougars.org 812-524-8547.

- **St. Paul (Clifty), Columbus Christmas Concert**

You are cordially invited to attend the annual St. Paul Christmas Concert today at 7 p.m. A pre-concert harp recital begins at 6:40 p.m. The concert will be presented by the Beecher Singers and Orchestra of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis under the direction of Dr. Michelle Louer. Guest organist is Dr. John Allegar who will lead congregational carol singing.

- **Looking Forward to Sunday Morning**

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