

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 28, 2021—1st Sunday in Advent

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY—Advent is a season for preparation. The word means “arrival” or “coming,” for truly, in Advent we await and prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birth.

But it’s more than just “playing along” with the story that unfolds during Advent.

Advent is also the “new year” for the Church

Calendar—which is not the calendar that lists when Living IT is or the next time Women Witnessing in the World meets. In worship, we follow a Church Calendar that puts US in the Biblical story. This past fall, we followed this story beginning with the Creation. We continued with the beginning of God’s people Israel through the family of Abraham and Sarah. We remembered their bondage in Egypt from which God delivered them through Moses. We learned about the prophets and the kings of Israel. And last we heard, Israel was languishing in captivity in Babylon, longing for hope and restoration.

But now as we turn the page into the New Testament, we begin a new story and a new time frame, that of the redemption of this fallen world through Jesus, whom we know to be the “Emmanuel,” the “God-with-us” first spoken of by the prophets of the Old Testament.

In a month, we’ll be turning the page on our regular calendars, as well as the old year passes and the new arrives. **And, of course, many of us will mark that change with changes in our lives through our new year’s resolutions.**

Advent... the new story we’ll be following... the proclamation that God has indeed become one of us through the birth of the Child in Bethlehem does indeed invite us to consider changes in our lives. Our sanctuary reflects adjustments and perhaps even enhancements through the season’s décor. Our music will reflect the change of the seasons.

In what way will your daily life begin to make room for the coming Christ?



Worship Assistants

Purser: Kim Anderson

Piano/Organ: Barb Larsen

Special Music: Maria, Madelyn, & Mariana Barlage

Table Setter: Angie Keller

Tech: Fred Street

Greeters: Needed

Coffee Hour: Needed

Communion servers: Needed

Ushers: Rod & Connie Hamann

Acolyte: Riley Kobes/Allyson Strandberg

Counters: Linda Zarns/Eldon Johnson

Flowers: Ken & Carol Carling-Thankful for our wonderful family & friends.

INVITE

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

* WREATH LIGHTING

R1 The seasons are changing! Christmas is coming!

C **But first we get ready through Advent.**

R2 Yes. Advent is a time for preparation.

C **A baby is coming!**

R1 There IS a baby coming—there are actually TWO babies coming...

C **Jesus!**

R2 And John the Baptist, who will tell his people, “PREPARE! GET READY! For now is the Advent... now is the coming of your God!”

C **We light one candle to watch for Messiah. The Prophet Candle invites us both to prepare for the celebration of the Messiah’s birth and to prepare for his coming among us today.**

R1 The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

R1 Lord,

C **In this barren and desolate world, your light continues to banish darkness so that we too can watch for Messiah. When seeds of doubt sprout in our hearts, remind us that your words will be fulfilled in their time, that hope can be found in endurance and joy in new birth, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

As the first candle is lit... * ADVENT SONG | LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH (ELW #240 vs. 1)

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

EQUIP

THE WORD—Isaiah 54:1 & Luke 1:5-25 The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

FIRST READING—Isaiah 54:1 “The Sign of God’s Mercy & Grace”

R The first reading comes from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, just one verse from the 54th Chapter.

“Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem,
you who have never been in labor.

For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband," says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING—Luke 1:5-25

R The second reading comes from the Gospel, the Good News according to Luke, the 1st Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke's Gospel begins by sounding Old Testament tones that anyone of his day familiar with the Jewish Scriptures would have recognized.

We meet Elizabeth, a woman from the family tree of Aaron and Moses who is apparently barren. But the angel Gabriel—the same Gabriel who in a couple weeks will have some news for Mary—announces that this woman once called barren will bear a child. And that child is described as having the spirit and power of the prophet Elijah, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets.

Could it be, that as God once freed his people from Egypt through Moses and his brother Aaron, God is now planning another rescue mission? Could it be, that as God kept promises to Abraham and Sarah, who also were called barren, God is keeping promises through the birth of this child? Could it be, that as God provoked and confounded the powerful and mighty through the prophets of old, God was raising up a new prophet? Mark Twain once said, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes."

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah....

His wife was a descendant of Aaron, [Moses' brother], and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸Once when Zechariah was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense.

¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the

righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.”

¹⁹ The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary.

²² When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

This is the Good News of Jesus.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS’ TIME—PASTOR RALPH

SERMON—PASTOR RALPH

*** HYMN OF THE DAY | #264 "PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY"**

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 into hell. 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.

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. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH—**

P Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs.

The prayers of the Church are offered.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC |

MARIA, MADELYN & MARIANA BARLAGE

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** THE LORD'S SUPPER—**

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION—** “In the night in which he was betrayed...”.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER—** “Our Father, who art in heaven...”.

INVITATION—*We understand this Table to be Christ's Table and not ours. And since it is Christ's Table, it is his open invitation to any and all who, at any point during this service, have heard his voice to come and be a part of his deathless life. God's grace, mercy, and love to all, especially those lost and rejected, were revealed in Jesus, and that grace, mercy, and love is still revealed in Jesus here at this altar. Come, for you are invited!*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS | #253, 257, 254

*** COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen your faith and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray. *[A moment of silence is kept to gather us for prayer.]*

O Lord our God,

C Rouse us from lethargy and sleepiness. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us slumbering in apathy, but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

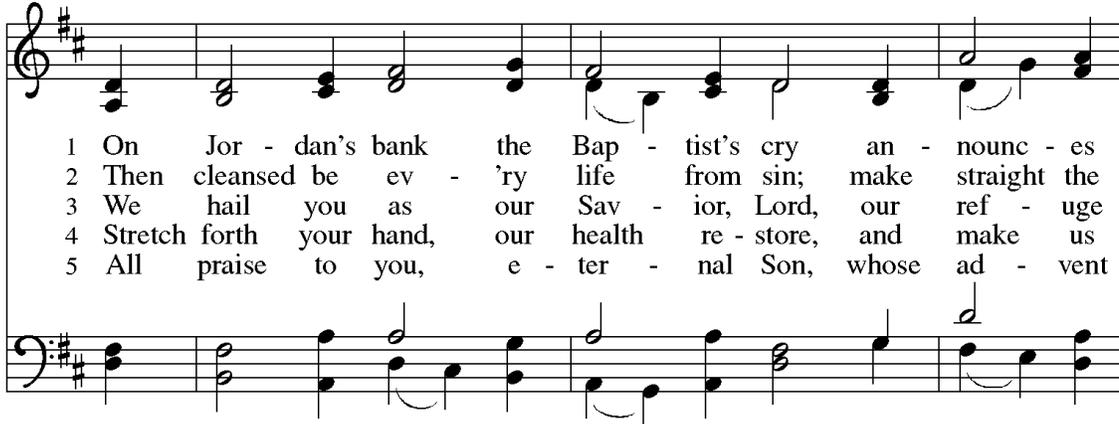
SEND

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.

C Amen.

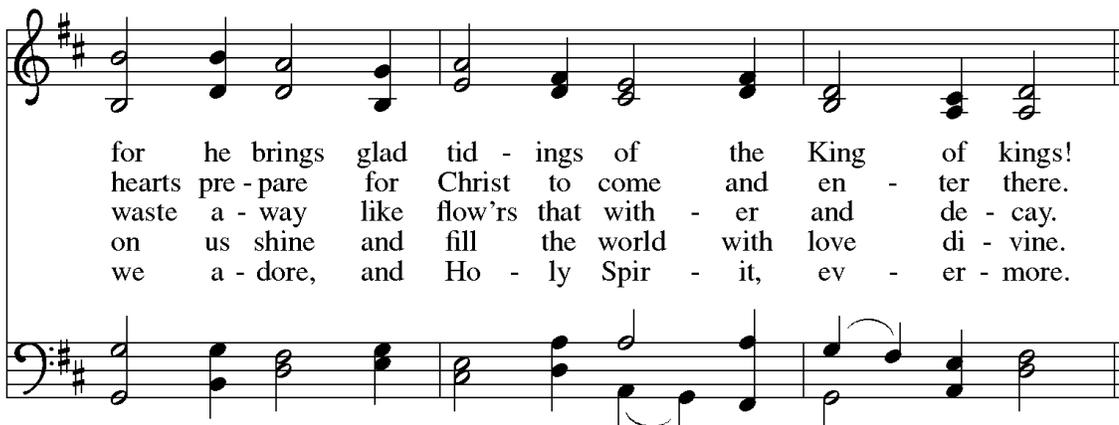
*** CLOSING HYMN | #249 "ON JORDAN'S BANKS" VS 3, 4 & 5**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE |

BARB LARSEN

Announcements

Poinsettia Memorial Garden

The Poinsettia Memorial Garden is a beautiful way to remember or honor a loved one. Order your holiday poinsettia today. Poinsettias can be given in memory of a loved one or in honor one of our homebound members. Order deadline is **Sunday, December 5th**. Payment is needed at time of order. Place form in the offering plate or in the church office.

Leaders Needed for Lighting our Advent Wreath on Sunday Mornings

As many families gather around their Advent wreaths for devotion, our family of faith begins our worship services gathered around our Advent wreath. **We would like to invite YOUR FAMILY to help lead and gather OUR FAMILY in lighting the Advent wreath.** Each Sunday, we have need for two readers for a brief reading along with the congregation and someone to light the candles on the wreath. This is suitable for families of all ages and make-ups—young readers; no kids; groups of friends; etc. etc. **If you are willing to be a part of our service, please sign-up on our Worship Servant Sign-Up Genius**

READERS RETURN IN DECEMBER—We are bringing back having the Word read by the people of God in worship. When you sign-up (see our Worship Servant Sign-Up Genius at...), you will get the reading in advance. Any questions about pronunciations, etc., Pastor Mike will help coach you up, if necessary, on Sunday mornings! Thanks!!

National Youth Gathering/Synod Journey

We now have an opening for ONE MORE YOUTH for the National Youth Gathering/Synod Journey (Thurs., July 21 – Thurs., July 28). If you are in high school and interested in seeing what a synod journey for service and learning to Duluth and the ELCA National Gathering in Minneapolis, please speak either to Pastor Mike or Youth Director, Kali Kadelbach (320.262.0406 or youthandfamily@immanuelprinceton.org)!

TENTH Annual Holiday Boutique Fundraiser—Saturday, December 4th hosted by Living IT High School and Living IT Biblically Youth.

Come shop with over 20 local Crafters and vendors! Visit our Bake sale table, concessions for lunch and sign up for some amazing door prizes donated by our crafters/vendors!

*Handmade Mittens *Handmade Dish Cloths *American Girl Doll Clothes *Organic Loose Leaf Tea *Tupperware *Homemade Crafts *Tastefully Simple *Rada Knives *and many more....

There will be a couple other craft shows in Princeton that day & Immanuel Cookie Walk! Get out and enjoy these wonderful community events on December 4th!

**The Holiday Boutique Fundraiser is hosted by the Living IT High School group and Living IT Biblically Middle School Youth. All proceeds benefit their Mission trips and Bible camp fees. For more information, contact Living IT youth coordinator, Kali Kadelbach (320.262.0406 or youthandfamily@immanuelprinceton.org).

Immanuel Lutheran Cookie Walk—Saturday, December 4th

Immanuel Lutheran Church—408 8th Ave S

Fancy Christmas Cookies !! Pick and choose from over 25+ varieties!!Gluten free options also available. Annual Christmas Bells will be on sale too!! Come early—cookies go quick!!

If you would like to sign up to bake cookies for this event—please visit the Sign-Up genius at <https://bit.ly/3pJxkib>

Proceeds go to the Living IT High School group summer trips.

For more information, contact Living IT youth coordinator, Kali Kadelbach (320.262.0406 or youthandfamily@immanuelprinceton.org).

SUMMER MISSION/SERVANT TRIP—BAYOU LeBATRE, ALABAMA: Fri., June 17—Sun., June 26
OUR SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5.

The trip is open to the first 18 registrants, 8th grade and older—adults and parents are welcomed and encouraged to come for a challenging and rewarding week of service to this hurricane-ravaged region of the Alabama Gulf Coast, just west of Mobile and near the Alabama-Mississippi border. Service includes anything from “Kids’ Club” activity groups to basic yard work and maintenance to service in area pantries and food service kitchens. Our experience is hosted and guided by YouthWorks, a pan-Christian organization with dozens of sites across the US. A \$50 commitment deposit secures your spot, with the expectation for participation in group-building fundraising between now and the trip’s departure.

For more information, contact Living IT youth coordinator, Kali Kadelbach (320.262.0406 or youthandfamily@immanuelprinceton.org).

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN—JOIN US TODAY

We are offering TWO SEPARATE UNITS of elementary education.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL will flow out of our Living IT schedule and curriculum and is opened to any and all kids and families,

but particularly for the younger siblings of those who are attending confirmation prep through Living IT Biblically at Immanuel. That schedule will look like this: 5:30pm—Dinner at Imm; 6:30pm—Worship at Imm; 7:30-8:15pm Wednesday School **AT TLC. This means that there will need to be some transportation between Immanuel & Trinity, until our schedule flips back to TLC in January.** The lessons and activities will be connected to our themes and lessons from our Wednesday night services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will follow our 9am worship service and take place at a location TBA during our coffee hour. The lessons and activities will be connected to our themes and lessons from our Sunday morning services.

BOTH UNITS are open to families and kids 4-years-old and up.

FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS YOUNGER THAN 4-YEARS OLD—COME JOIN OUR “PARENTS’ OF LITTLE HUMANS” Group that gathers in the Nursery, 10:30 – 11:15am, specifically for parents of kids 3 years-old and younger. Your older kids can go with Pastor Mike for Sunday School, right outside in the entry way Narthex. So come have a cup of coffee; meet the other parents with kids your age; let your kids play; and enjoy the time together. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about this time and group, please be in touch with **Tiffany Elness** (tiffanyelness@gmail.com or 651.235.7442).

BY THE WAY—SUNDAY SCHOOL is also an opportunity for our confirmands to work on their in-service hours by helping out with the activities.

NOTE: BOTH OF THESE FORUMS will be looking for a high level of adult and parental involvement!

Table Setters—Preparing the Altar for Worship

In our homes, we teach our kids to help out with basic chores for the good of the family and to grow in service. ***It is no different for the House of God—we are looking for a few more folks to help set the table for Sunday worship.*** It's not a difficult or complicated service, and we have families with kids even who help out. If this might be you... Or, if you'd like to find out more, please contact Linda Zarns or the office to get trained in today! lzarns42@gmail.com

GOOD SHEPHERD FUND IN NEED OF RECHARGING

In response to our mission to *INVITE * EQUIP * SEND*, for years here at Trinity, we have maintained an emergency relief fund called **The Good Shepherd Fund**. It's name connotes its purpose, echoing Jesus' words from the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats: "*Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me*" (Matthew 25:40). The fund is completely supported by donations from members of our congregation and is used at the pastor's discretion for any sort of emergency need, both from *within* our congregation but mostly from beyond. Not a month... and often not a WEEK goes by that we don't get a call from someone or from one of our partner congregations (Christ Our Light, New Life, and/or Bethel Christian Reformed, most frequently) to help with rental or utility assistance, vehicle repairs, shelter from an abusive relationship, and/or transient shelter. When the fund balance drops below \$1,000, we have put out an appeal for recharging it.

If you can find it within your generosity to help with recharging that fund, we want to INVITE you to do so. Please be EQUIPPED out of your generosity to give, that we be re-EQUIPPED to SEND the love of Christ to the least of his brothers and sisters in need. Donations can be given to Trinity Lutheran Church with the note "For the Good Shepherd Fund." Thanks!!

YogaDevotion

Join Us on **Monday nights at 6:30pm** at Trinity Crossing with instructor JennieRuth Warren! November 8 - December 20: 7 weeks, This class is for all levels as Yogadevotion LLC teaches that the primary teacher is your own body and that voice is the important one. Modifications are offered for all poses. To sign up visit www.yogadevotion.com or call the office today!

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

- **Men's Breakfast**—Men's Breakfast is the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8am at the Church **NO Men's Breakfast on Nov. 27th**. Our next session will be **Sat., Dec. 11**.
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**— Our Tuesday morning study meets **Tuesday mornings at 10am**.
- **Women's Bible Study** – We Meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. We will gather in the fellowship hall next on **Thursday, Dec. 16th at 9:30am**.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join us the **1st Sunday of each month at 10:15AM**. Our group knits Prayer Shawls to be given to those who need God's arms wrapped around them in the time of need. Baby shawls are given to children who are baptized, and caps/scarves are given to support the Twin Ports Seafarers Ministry. All shawls, caps and scarves are blessed before they are given away. Please join us in the choir room during coffee hour. If you have questions, contact **Joyce Anderson at 763.389.2444**.

Pine Ridge Reservation Donation Thank You

Thank you to all who helped:

- Members of Trinity Lutheran who donated materials and assembled 52 personal hygiene kits. Individuals from Trinity and the community who purchased new children's underwear, socks, bedding and personal care items. The Princeton Pantry food shelf for donating cases of canned goods and the reclamation center for winter coats.
- The Next to New store in Princeton for winter coats, snow pants, hats, and scarves.
- The people who helped load the trailer and most of all to the drivers who delivered the goods to the Pine Ridge Reservation.

To the many people who expressed interest in future projects, STAY TUNED

Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas Giving is a collaboration between several churches, area businesses, schools and the community to help local struggling families have a better Christmas. Last year our community helped 437 people from 97 families have a brighter Christmas.

Trinity will again host 6 families and will be participating by having tags for **3** families on the tree, using Sign-Up Genius for the other **3** families or by calling Liz at the church office to help figure out the best option for you.

We are anticipating getting our assigned families in the next week and will populate Sign-Up Genius at that time with the equivalent of a Christmas tree tag as well as making the tags available in the church narthex. **The hard deadline to return unwrapped gifts with receipts attached to Trinity is Sunday, December 12th.**

Some people have expressed the desire to help families but prefer to contribute financially rather than actually shopping this year. If you prefer to send a check, please write it out to Christ Our Light and enter Christmas Giving in the memo line and send to the Trinity office.

Community Table

With Thanksgiving falling on the fourth Thursday in November and with the Christmas holiday in December, the next Community Meal will be December 2nd. We will be serving ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, home made buns, pickles, carrots and a jello poke cake for dessert. We are looking forward to seeing you on **December 2nd!** <https://bit.ly/30SNpbi>

East Central Minnesota Chorale and UNUM VOX Concert

Join the East Central Minnesota Chorale and UNUM Vox for their 2021 Christmas Concert! Free will offering, masks requested, social distancing observed .

Friday, Dec 10—7:30pm at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, Princeton

Saturday, Dec 11—2pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mora

Saturday, Dec 11—7:30pm at Cambridge Lutheran Church, Cambridge

Laundry Love

Laundry love is a nation wide organization introduced in Princeton in August 2019. This is an ecumenical collaboration among 6 churches in Princeton. It was started to provide free laundry to people who cannot afford to wash clothes. It is Trinity's turn to host Laundry Love

in December. Volunteers are needed for December 8 and December 27th—5 PM to 7 PM at the Washboard. Please contact Linda Zarns at 612.385.5699 if you can help. Financial assistance is also needed to pay for the washing and drying of clothes. Please look for the donation containers or mark your donation accordingly.

AA Meetings, Open & Welcome to All--Thursdays, 7pm here at TLC

If you think you have a problem with alcohol—please attend. If you're interested in attending an AA meeting but this time doesn't work for you other meetings can be found by searching online using "AA Meeting Locator".

Thank you

Thank you to the members of Trinity Lutheran Church for the tremendous response to the student pantry drive. We are currently at capacity due to community response. After the Christmas vacation, we will access our inventory and let the community know of our needs. Again thank you. Princeton Schools Support Staff.

December Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 28th —1st Sunday in Advent

- **The Prophet Candle:** *"Light one candle to watch for Messiah..."*

The first candle this year is the Prophet Candle because it reminds us of the prophets sent to point us to the future and the coming Messiah.

9am Worship

10am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

Sunday, December 5—2nd Sunday in Advent

- **The John the Baptist Candle:** *"Light two candles to watch for Messiah..."*

The second candle this year is the John the Baptist Candle because it reminds us of John the Baptist, the one who called the people of God to ready for the coming Messiah.

9am Worship

10am Coffee Hour—"Uffda Sunday" Join us in a celebration of your heritage. Bring your favorite past time dish to share with the congregation.

5pm Pathfinders

Sunday, December 12—3rd Sunday in Advent

- **The Mary Candle:** *"Light three candles to watch for Messiah..."*

The third candle this year is the Mary Candle because it reminds us of Mary's response, and it invites us to make HER response, ours.

9am Worship

10am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

11:30-3pm Christmas Caroling—Sunday December 12—

Lunch will be served by Living IT at Trinity from 11:30-12:30pm. We'll carol to several of our elderly or homebound and then gather at Immanuel for warm beverages and Christmas sweets!

This is hosted and planned by Living IT but is an invitation to the WHOLE CONGREGATION.

Sunday, Dec. 19—4th Sunday in Advent

- **The Joseph Candle:** *"Light four candles to watch for Messiah..."*

The fourth candle this year is the Joseph Candle because it reminds us of Joseph's courage after he was assured by God.

9am Worship

10am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

All services will be livestreamed & include candlelight

3:00pm Holy Communion & Candlelight: Children's Sermon

5:00pm Holy Communion & Candlelight

11pm Prayer at the Close of the Day: Communion & Candle Light—Please note: after a season of hoopla and celebration, this service is a candlelit service of quiet and meditation., along with carols and other music.

Finances through

October 2021

Income \$357,817.39

Expenses \$299,489.33

Difference \$58,328.06

Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day

9am Christmas Day with Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 26—1st Sunday after Christmas

9am Worship

10am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

Prayer List

Members

Tony Alferness
Jeri Ann Bredemus
Joy Christenson
Jim Dery
Susan Deyle
The Donais Family as they mourn the death of Patti's mother
Dale Dunham
Marlys Hanson
Bruce Lacher
Tad Larsen
Lee Family
Del Liestman
Eric Lukkari
Chellis Matz
Jean Miller
Emily Nelson
Ed Peterson
Bev Reed
Warren Reed
Dina Scandinato
Wayne Senne
Carol Skare
Matt Skarohlid
Brenda Smith
Anne Stevenson
Joyce Tessmer
Prudence Tessmer & family
Ardy Tourville
Barb Wicktor
Russ Wicktor
Dean Winslow
Ginny Winslow

Family Members & Friends

Melaina Anderson (Joyce Anderson's grand daughter)
Ben (Judy & Bill Hilliard's nephew son's)
Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)
Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)
Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle)
Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law)
David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)
Rachel Fadden(friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery)
Jan Gale's daughter Jamie
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law)
Brooks Henderson (family of Jan Wittnebel)
Anne Jacobson (Beth Gunderson's mother)
Dick Johnson(Barb Senne's brother)
Patrick Kavanagh (friend of Jan Wittnebel's family)
Evelyn Kingma (June Kunkel's sister in-law)
Janice Luecks (Jeff Lueck's mother)
Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)
Dale McLaen (Darcee Larsen/Laurel McKenney's brother in-law)
Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother)
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)
Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd grade teacher)
Amanda Ridout (friend of the

Pancoast Family)
Marion Rova (Chuck Warner's sister)
Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family)
John Schmid (family of Mike & Linda Baumann)
Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother)
Mauricio Trujillo (friend of the Patnode and Miller families)
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri
Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)
Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset family)
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson
Andrew Barthel
Claire Barthel
Jacob Benver
Eden Betzler
Lacee Broding
Riley Broding
Ronald Duresky
Riley Forland
Derek Hanson
Hunter Lestrud
Kenzi Lytle
Anthony Mandt
David McCarney
John McCarney
Zachary Morisset
Ben Noard
Parker Pedersen
Mario Scandinato

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 28

9am Worship—Advent 1
10am Coffee Hour
10:15am Sunday School

Monday, November 29

8am WWW*
5pm Laundry Love
6pm YogaDevotion *

Tuesday, November 30

10am Bible Study
11:30am Staff Mtg
12:30pm Living IT Staff Mtg

Wednesday, Dec 1

Bulletin Deadline

9am TOPS
1pm Community Meal Prep*
4pm Living IT Hangout Time @ IM
5:30pm Living IT Dinner @ IM
6:30pm Living IT Worship
7:30pm Small Groups & High School @ IM
7:30pm Wednesday School @ Trinity

Thursday, Dec 2

1pm Community Meal *
6pm Gateway Scouts *
7pm AA

Saturday, Dec 4

10am Christmas Boutique*/Immanuel Cookie Walk

Sunday, Dec 5

9am Worship—Uffda Sunday/Advent 2
10am Coffee Hour
10:15am Sunday School
5pm Pathfinders

Monday, Dec 6

8am WWW*
6pm YogaDevotion *
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Dec 7

10am Bible Study
11:30am Staff Mtg
12:30pm Living IT Staff Mtg
6pm Eagle Scouts

Wednesday, Dec 8

Bulletin Deadline

9am TOPS
4:30pm Living IT Hangout Time @ IM
5:30pm Living IT Dinner @ IM
6:30pm Living IT Worship
7:30pm Small Groups & High School @ IM
7:30pm Wednesday School @ Trinity

Thursday, Dec 9

7pm AA

Friday, Dec 10

7:30pm East Central Choral Concert @ COL