







Trinity Lutheran Church and School
 To save the lost and to strengthen the saved ~ Matthew 28:18-20
Church Announcements For The Week of December 2, 2018

	<p>First Sunday in Advent 8:30 a.m. Divine service will follow supplied bulletin HC Opening #334; Sermon #332; H/C #706, 845; Closing #350 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study in the Library</p>	
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Today






The Coming King
ADVENT DEVOTIONS


DEVOTIONS
lthm.org/advent

These devotion booklets from the Lutheran Hour are in the church narthex.

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY:



The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the belief and confidence that in this Sacrament, Christ is truly present, giving us His body and blood, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine (**1 Corinthians 10:16, Mark 14:22-24**). As Christians (and specifically as Missouri Synod Lutherans), we believe that it is through Jesus Christ alone that we have the hope of eternal life. We believe that we are sinners in need of forgiveness and that in the Lord's Supper, God gives that forgiveness, strengthens our faith, and strengthens our union with Him and each other (**Romans 3:23, Matthew 26:26-28**). As Christians, we also believe that as we come to the Lord's Supper, we are making a commitment to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit (**2 Timothy 2:19, Romans 8:6**).

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or confirmed, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor (**1 Corinthians 11:27-29**). At Trinity we practice Close Communion as adopted by our Synod in Convention.

ALCOHOL CONTENT IN WINE: The "red" wine in the chalice and in the outer rings of the communion cup tray contains alcohol. The "white" wine in the center of the tray is de-alcoholized wine (alcohol nearly 100% removed). You may use the red or white wine in the tray but please remember that the chalice has only "red" wine with normal alcohol content.

Q: Typical question asked by visitors: Can only LCMS members take communion at Trinity Burr Ridge?
A: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has never understood or applied the historic practice of close[d] Communion in such a way as to mean that only LCMS members are permitted to commune at LCMS altars. The official position of the Synod is that not only are members of other Lutheran churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship invited to commune with us, but also that in certain extraordinary cases of pastoral care and in emergencies members of churches not in fellowship with us may be given Communion. The Synod stated, for example, in 1986 "that pastors and congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod continue to abide by the practice of close Communion, which includes the necessity of exercising responsible pastoral care in extraordinary situations and circumstances" (**1986 Res. 3-08 "To Maintain Practice of Close Communion"**). Please see www.lcms.org for more information.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers Available Upon Request ~ Please request from Pastor Bob at least 10 minutes before the service.

Church News



During **Advent** we will continue learning about Chrismons. Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday. They are often used on Christmas trees in churches and in homes. Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical color of Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory. In 2016, we began our "story" of Jesus, with the

first nine Chrismons representing his birth. These will always be hung down the center of the tree. In 2017, we continued our journey with the baptism and life of Jesus. The nine Chrismons that told this story will always be hung to the left. This year we conclude our journey with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The eight Chrismons that tell this year's story will be hung on the right.



Pastor Geaschel will start these advent services on Sat. December 1 and Sun. December 2. They will continue on Wednesdays, December 5, 12 and 19 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve:
 Contemporary Service at 4:30 p.m. HC
 Traditional Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. HC
 Candlelight Worship Service at 10:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. HC



Thank you to everyone that took turkey feathers for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Many families were very thankful for the bountiful baskets they received. Rob Grady.



The new flower calendar for 2019 is now up and ready for people to sign up. Sign up early to get your favorite date. The cost is \$40 which pays for two bouquets of flowers. Thank you for helping us beautify the altar. ~ The Altar Guild.



The Ladies Aid Annual Cookie sale will be on **Saturday, December 1st** after the 6:30 service and again on **Sunday, December 2nd**. There will be someone available to collect cookies on Saturday Dec. 1st from 9-10 a.m. or by 6 p.m. to allow time to package cookies before service ends. The sale takes place in the church narthex.



Trinity's Lutheran Women's Missionary League is collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens for Lutheran Child and Family Services. The collection box will be in the narthex. Our collection will continue through **Friday, Dec. 7th**. Thank you for being part of Lutheran Women in Mission.



Fit For Life New Member Class

Ever wonder... What it means to be a genuine Christian? If going to church is really necessary? Whether or not there truly is life after death? Can a person ever be certain he/she is saved? Maybe you have some questions about our church and want to know more about what we really believe and teach? Or maybe you want to know what you have to do to become members. Well - the answers to those questions and many others can be found in our 12 Week Fit for Life Class. There is no cost for the book and this class does serve as our membership class for those desiring to become members at Trinity.

Contact Pastor Bob at rgeaschel@tlbr.org or office: 708-839-1200 or cell: 708-846-4170. Please let us know if childcare is needed.

Reviewing the basics of the Christian Faith
 Thursday Evening 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Class 7	December 6
Class 8	December 13
DECEMBER 20 – NO CLASS	
DECEMBER 27 – NO CLASS	
JANUARY 3 – NO CLASS	
	2019
Class 9	January 10
Class 10	January 17
Class 11	January 24
Class 12	January 31
Class 13	February 7



Church News

Are you tired of being a couch potato?

Looking for a way to work out at NO COST to you? Come out to volleyball in the Trinity Lutheran school gym! We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. and play for approximately an hour and a half. You don't have to be good, just willing to have some fun and perhaps brush up on a few skills. Everyone 18 or older is invited. It's also a great way to help a friend become familiar with our school and church. If you can't come every Monday, just come when you can. We do not play on nights when there is a voter's meeting scheduled so check the church calendar on our website at: <http://www.tlbr.org/> to confirm scheduled dates. If you have questions, call Keith Wendte at 630-455-1775. See you there!



BIBLE STUDIES

All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Morning

Adult and Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. The Adult Study is held in the Church Library, they are using the Answers in Genesis curriculum.

Small Group TLC meets in the lower level of school, “What on Earth Am I Here For”.

Sunday School is held in the church lower level for Three-Year-Olds through Grade 8 in the church basement High School Youth Bible Class meets in the school conference room with Pastor Bob.

Tuesday Evening

We are studying “Proclaiming Heroes of Faith” in the school conference room at 7:00 p.m. This class meets weekly and is facilitated by Rob Grady.

Wednesday Morning

Men's Bible Class meets weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Roy Carr (630-323-3688) we will begin a new study of Francis Chan's book *Forgotten God*. Come when you can. Extra study guides available.

Wednesday Morning TLC

We will begin our study on Romans Part 2 on September 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday and fifth Wednesday.

Thursday Afternoon

Ladies Bible Class meets weekly at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Carr (630-323-3688).

Thursday Evening TLC

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the school conference room at 6:45 p.m. Come and join us! If you have questions, contact Sharon Wendte.

Friday Evening TLC

TLC Bible Study Group meets in members homes and is led by Cliff Gustafson (815-372-9937). Study on Prayer.



Winter Ski Retreat ~ The first ski retreat is scheduled for **January 2 – 4, 2019**. We leave from Trinity at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2. We will arrive at 3:00 p.m. and have the day for fun, fellowship, food and Bible study. The ski day is Thursday, January 3. We ski from 10:30 a.m. until dinner time. The group lesson is at 11:00 a.m. and lasts 90 minutes. Lunch is at the ski hill. When we return to the resort we have time for waterpark fun, dinner and Bible study.

Our return home will be on Friday, January 4. Arriving back around 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$175, sign-up sheets are in the youth room and the 8th grade classroom. If you have questions, contact Rob Grady.



Our ladies are planning their tables for our Fourth Annual Advent Tea on **Monday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.** On this night, tables are beautifully set, the homemade dishes and desserts are yummy, the room is decorated with lights and a tree, and if all goes as planned, we end the evening singing Christmas carols.

It is a night to remember! We hope to fill all available seats. If you would like to attend as a guest, please contact Sheri Abernathy or Judy Gustafson.



JOY CLUB: Join us on Thursday, **December 20th** at 11:30 a.m. in the church basement church.

The meal will be catered.

Please bring a \$3.00 gift for Crazy Bunco.

Contact Joyce Tomes at 630-257-2927 or

Donna Halla 708-839-0551 if you have questions.

Trinity Lutheran Church received a memorial from the family of Janet M. Rediehs Steinquist.





Trinity Lutheran School has 5 ~ five gallon buckets of ultra concentrated Brilliance laundry detergent.

Each 5 gallon bucket will wash 426 load of clothes.

2 Clear ~ without dye and fragrance, 2 green, and 1 blue.

Laundry Soap Bucket is \$40. The pumps for the buckets are \$5 each.

We also have one container of dishwasher pods with 300 pods.

The Dishwasher Pod container is \$55

Please contact Michele Geaschel, School Secretary, if you are interested.

Call 708-839-1444 or email: trinitylutherschool@comcast.net

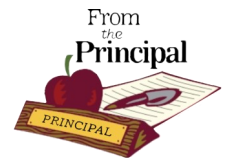


School News



Greetings in the name of our Lord!

This week has begun the Christmas season for Trinity! PAWS helped our students create lovely Christmas ornaments for our tree in the school lobby. PAWS also decorated the lobby with all sorts of beautiful decorations for the Christmas season.



With all the craziness, albeit fun, it can be hard to focus on Jesus. Our Savior was born in a manger at Christmas time. On December 16 at 1:30 p.m., at the students Christmas program, they will help us to remember the story of Jesus' birth and the wonder it brings us still today!

With everything going on this Christmas, I ask you to take the time to value your time with family and friends and remember the birth of our Savior.

In His Service,
Mr. DeWitt, Principal



SAVE THE DATE!

Trinity's Annual Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

Theme: "Equipping the Future"

February 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$550 for a table of 10 people

Location: William Tell Banquets at Holiday Inn, Countryside



The School TRIP program. The next gift card order will go in on **Sunday Dec 9** and will be available the following Friday. Paper copy forms are available in the school lobby and in the church narthex by the flower chart. Drop off the order forms in the school office.

For questions, please call Michele Geaschel 708-839-1444. Trip ordering is also available online, where there are hundreds more merchants and monetary increments.

Start thinking of Christmas gifts and places you like to shop for the holidays.

**GIFT CARDS ARE SOLD EACH WEEK IN THE NARTHEX
IF YOU DON'T SEE CARDS YOU WOULD LIKE, WE CAN ORDER THEM.**

Community News

The Word Made Flesh ~ Service of Lessons and Carols presented by Concordia University, Chicago. The Kapelle, Laudate, Mannerchor, Schola Cantorum, Chamber Orchestra and Handbell Ensemble. **Saturday, December 1 at 4 & 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 at 4 p.m.** The Chapel of Our Lord, 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest. Preservice music begins 20 minutes prior to service start time. A freewill offering will be received to support the music department.



Administrative Assistant ~ Immanuel Lutheran Church, 10731 W La Porte Road, Mokena, is seeking an administrative assistant. This is a part-time position, 29 hours per week, no medical benefits. Candidates must have excellent Microsoft Word skills – experience with PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, and Outlook programs preferred. This position supports the pastor as well as all of the volunteer officers and board members of the church. Duties include creation of a weekly service bulletin and monthly newsletter, as well as weekly data entry of membership and financial information. Lutheran affiliation preferred, but not required. Interested candidates should email the church at ielc1850@att.net to request an application.

Community News



The Women's Ministry Team of St. John Lutheran Church at 7214 South Cass Avenue in Darien invites all women to join their fellow sisters in Christ for a time-out from the busyness of the season to enjoy some light refreshments, fellowship, faith-building, and encouragement with Scripture and song. An Advent Candlelight Tea with the theme "Let There Be Light" will be held on **Sunday, December 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Child care will be available. All are welcome so please consider bringing a guest including tween and teen girls. RSVP by December 9 via phone (630-969-7987), online at www.sjlcldarien.org/events/advent-tea.html or email to phaedra.serbus@sjlcldarien.org

Carol Fest, featuring Handel's Messiah

This seasonal concert will be presented twice on **December 2 ~ 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Performances will include the Christ Church Chancel Choir and Festival Choir with professional soloists and orchestra conducted by Noelle Combs. The concert will feature selections from the Christmas portion of Handel's beloved "Messiah," as well as familiar carols of Christmas. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Child care is provided. A Christmas cookie and cider reception will be held between concerts at 5:00 p.m.



Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Soup Kitchen, 2108 W. 21st Street, Chicago

Our homeless have told us they feel like they are the 2nd congregation of St. Matthew, singing and praising God. They listen when we read the Bible to them and are happy to participate in our devotions.

It is true, we have two congregations, Praise God!! **If you would like to help serve food, the next opportunity is December 11th. Meet at the church office at 11:00 a.m.**



Singing Men of Oak Brook and Director Reid Taylor present Christmas Around the World at Christ church of Oak Brook, 31st Street and York Road, Oak Brook on **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

Tickets are adults \$15, teens \$5, under 12 are free

Online at www.singingmenoakbrook.org or

day of: cash, check or credit card accepted on the day of the concert.



New



Celebrate the beginning of the Holiday season with Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra! Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra is performing a full length *Messiah* with the Elmhurst Choral Union and stunning guest soloists on **Saturday, December 8 at 3 p.m.** at Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive.

New

A special ENCORE of the Hallelujah Chorus will encourage the audience to sing-along following the full concert!
Use code JOY10 for 10% off your ticket ipomusic.org ~ 708-481-7774

The West Towns Chorus presents "The Music of Christmas" at Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main Street, St. Charles. **Saturday, December 8th at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 9th at 1:30 p.m.** With special guests: Midwest Crossroads Chorus, Affinity Strings, Taylor Trimby at the Geneva Pipe Organ and more. For ticket Information: www.westtowns.org/shows_events/ or 630-962-7000

The West Towns Chorus

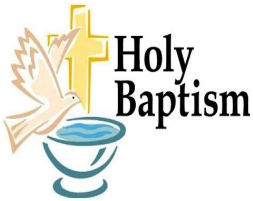
Prayers

Our Members who are homebound...

*Jon and Jackie Laatz, Dorothy Tiedt, Jan Osysko,
Herman Pastori, Darlene Ciolek*

Our Members who are in assisted living or nursing homes...

Joyce Rabas, Lorraine Buczko, Laurie Verba



Our Members who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays the week of December 2

*Declan Sojka, Ryan Carr, David Sakoulos, Daryl Valentino,
George Diamond, Carol Leffelman, Kimberly Radosevic,
Kaden Juergens, Sherri Ketcherside*

Our Members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries the week of December 2

None



Our Members or Friends of Our Members In The Military....

Peter Davidovitch (South Korea) US Army Pilot, godson of Bill & Judy Jung

Thomas Logan ~nephew of Cathy LaFlame

Sarah Mears~ National Guard

Jeremy Marwitz (US) ~ Grandson of Lee Marwitz

Chaplain Mike Sneath (Tennessee)

Lt. Col. Timothy Luther Albrecht ~ Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

Lt. Col. Angie Marie Albrecht, MD (Kirtland, AFB, NM) Daughter-in-law of Pastor & Janet Albrecht

Michael Grimes (Ft. Carson, CO) member, son of Janet Grimes

*Chaplain Mike Moreno~ Pursuing a masters degree in order to serve with wounded warriors.
nephew of Bessie Kuske*

Adam Koskiol ~ ARNG-2006-2012, Air Force National Guard, son of Kim Valentino

Devin Moseley ~ (US Army, Ft. Carson ,CO) Deployed to Afghanistan

Connor Mersch ~ US Army, Fort Drum, New York

Riley Gentile ~ US Army Paratrooper in Texas, cousin of Sharleen VanDahm



“Advent is about Return—the Lord’s Second Coming, our return to Him, which is another way of saying ‘repentance.’ Repentance requires memory, for return requires memory. The Prodigal did some mental research and remembered the facts about his father’s house from his personal history. Informed by a paternal history, he struck a new course, which was to return. And the Homecoming was sweet, like the marriage supper in paradise, when all history will be fulfilled, and the guests live happily ever after. Advent reminds us, based on history that we know, that He is coming, which should remind us, Repent!”



Week of November 25

Weekend Worship

Attendance ~ 213

Communion ~ 109

Thanksgiving ~ Attendance 134

Communion ~ 116



Planning a Baptism or a Wedding at Trinity?

A Meeting with Pastor Geaschel is required before every Baptism & Wedding. Please call the church office to schedule your appointment with Pastor Bob.

Prayers

Weekly Prayers



CANCER PATIENTS:

Sheryl III ~ Req. by Sandi Bulthuis,
Dawn Eckstein ~ Req. by Sharon Wendte
Bob Bordak, John Calkins ~ Req. by Lori Trinche
Bill Harris, Peter Trinche ~ Req. by Lori Trinche,
Gav Roby and Beth Johnson ~ Req. by Jan Miller,
Joseph Ritson ~ Req. by Ava Franco, Roberta Kleyweg, Jeff ~ Req. by Dani Eggert
Elaine Rice ~ Req. by Susan Villarreal, Margie Hammes ~ Req. Neil Hammes



Rachel & Hope Salverredy, Nanci Saucier, Scott Browne, Prayers for healing.

The Week of December 2

Bernie Glasgow Family ~ Prayers of comfort after the death of Kim Freese's dad.
Bill Havel Family ~ Prayers of comfort after the death of Bill ~ Req. by Eileen Marrs
Jon Beck ~ Prayers for physical and spiritual healing ~ Req. by Lori Trinche
Kate Drost ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Req. by Susan Kleyweg
Greg Hillman ~ Prayers for healing from cancer ~ Brother-in-law of Joann Cook
Michael Ersland ~ Prayers for healing from malaria ~ Our Missionary Friend in Ghana, Africa
Joel Timm Albrecht ~ Prayers for health and healing ~ Pastor Luther Albrecht's brother
David Henkel Family ~ Prayers of comfort after the death of David ~ Parents are Becky and Wally Henkel
Dan Lehenbauer ~ Prayers for health and healing

November 25

Bill Harris ~ Praise for comfort and healing
Arnie Mueller ~ Prayers for continued health and healing

November 18

Prayers for comfort for the LCMS congregation whose church burned in the California fires

Paula ~ Prayers for strength and healing and peace of our Lord ~ Req. by Eileen St. Clair
Letha Meyer Family ~ Prayers for comfort after the death of Steve Gehrt's Aunt
Peggy Sitzes ~ Prayers for diagnosis and recovery of Sue Hickman's niece
Doris Wendte ~ Prayers for recovery from surgery ~ Req. by Keith Wendte, his mother
Alan Tiedt ~ Prayers for comfort for him and his family ~ Brother of Gerald Tiedt

If you would like a prayer request continued, please email or call the church office. If you have a Private Prayer Request (NOT announced during the worship service) for our Prayer Circle Group please email or call the church office 708-839-1200 or csecretary@tlbr.org Thank you, Nancy



To Prepare For Next Week's Worship Service
Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14



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Hear God's Word for you through Worship Anew! Worship Anew celebrates the new life that all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30 minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Chicago's CW Station WPWR Channel 50
Sunday 10:30am ~ (TLN) Comcast 138 (TCT) DirecTV 377