

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

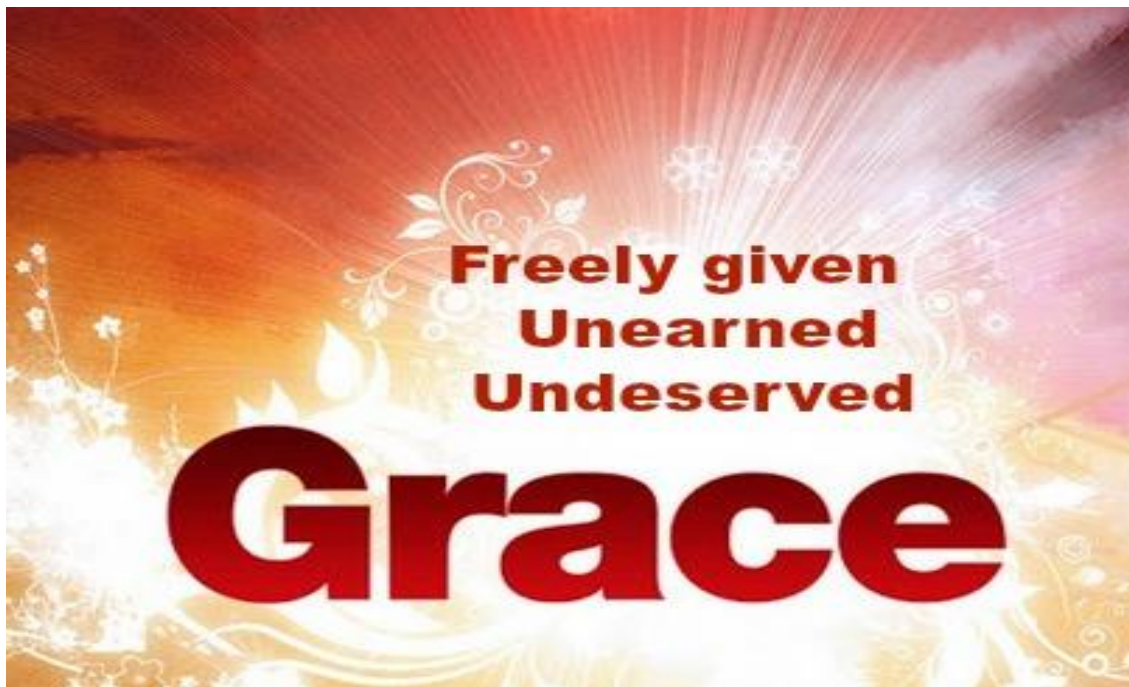
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

1960 East Johns Avenue

Decatur, Illinois 62521 - Phone 217-422-3630

*Second Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*November 13, 2022*



## **Adult Bible Study Opportunities**

**10:15 A.M. Today**

Adult Bible Study

“The Book Of Genesis”

**10:00 A.M. Thursday**

Adult Bible Study

“Heaven”

*Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our Bible based study.*

**Our hymns for today: 663, 516, (618, 733, 680), 348**

## AS WE GATHER

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. Greet one another before and after the service, especially our visitors. Please fill out an attendance card, available in the pew racks, and introduce yourself at the door. If you would like a visit, prayer, or more information, about Trinity Lutheran Church, please note that on the card.

## PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you give faith to believe in the healing power of your Word: Put away from us, we entreat you, temptations to doubt Your providential care and give us those things that are profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Service Of Prayer And Preaching, Page 260

Opening Hymn

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

LSB 663

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Versicles

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*

**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
 earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
 Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Thessalonians 3:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. <sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty first chapter, vs. 5-36.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup>“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

<sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Responsory

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

### Ten Commandments

**C** You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn**

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying “

*LSB 516*

**Sermon**

“Chirst Is Coming Again!”

**Sermon Text**

**Luke 21:5-36**

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## This Is the Feast (Divine Service, Setting Two)

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, you are invited to communion. If you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to commune at this altar, please contact Pastor Versemann to arrange new member classes so that the confession of Christ from this altar and pulpit may become your confession of faith. As a confirmed member we will then be one in faith and you will joyously be invited to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar for the strengthening of your faith. Peace in Christ.*

## Distribution

Distribution Hymns	“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”	LSB 618
	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”	LSB 733
	“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”	LSB 680

*Stand*

## (Personal Prayer Of Thanksgiving After Receiving The Lord's Supper)

Merciful Lord, I thank You for the forgiving body and blood of Your Son, which are Your pledge and promise of my salvation, and Your promise of eternal life. May the gifts of Your heavenly banquet fortify me against the Evil One, strengthen me for life in this sinful world, and equip me to put to death my sinful flesh. Help me to live as one who continually hungers for Your grace, and thirsts for Your righteousness, who longs to taste anew of Your goodness, that I may sit at Your table at the marriage feast of Your Son, when Jesus, my heavenly Bridegroom comes to take His holy bride home to heaven. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.


## New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.




Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to




sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Collect of the Day

**L** O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

**C** 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.

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

LSB 348



## **CHURCH FISH FRY! CHURCH FISH FRY! CHURCH FISH FRY! CHURCH FISH FRY!**

Everyone is invited to our 2<sup>nd</sup> (Hopefully Annual) FISH FRY at Trinity **TODAY** at 5 pm! Of course, all the fish will be provided. We will be serving walleye and crappie. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We ask that all of our members who plan to attend would please sign up; and also indicate what side dish, or dessert you can provide for our meal! We will be collecting a "FREE WILL" offering that evening with 50% going to support Evergreen Lutheran Church and School and 50% going to support Rev. Nicholas Salifu and Ghana Africa.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** may be found on the stand just outside the center sanctuary doors.  
**P.A. DEVICE AVAILABLE** - Please see an usher if you have difficulty hearing.  
**PEW CUSHIONS** are available from a box near the Usher's Stand. Help yourself and please feel free to leave them in your seat after services.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY AT 10:15 A.M.**

**PRE-K** – Blain Powell and Denise Roberts – Downstairs

**KINDERGARTEN – 5th GRADE** – Cathy Kurecki – Downstairs

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE** – Linda Staff – Classroom across from the church office

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** – Tracie England and Elizabeth Verseemann – Upstairs

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Verseemann's hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (tentative), Tuesday through Friday. If you need to speak with him, please call the church office at 422-3630 to make an appointment.

**Weekly Average Offering for 2022** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$3,213.65**

**Weekly Offerings Needed for 2022 Budget** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$4,333.79**

**Weekly Average Attendance for 2022** \_\_\_\_\_ **62**

**Attendance for November 6, 2022** \_\_\_\_\_ **71**

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**9:00 AM – Worship Service**

**10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study**

**Monday, November 14, 2022**

*No office hours, Pastor's Day Off*

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**4:00 PM – Junior Confirmation Class**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**8:30 AM – Quilters**

**10:00 AM – Thursday Morning Bible Study**

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

**10:30 AM – Junior Confirmation Class**

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**9:00 AM – Worship Service**

**10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study**

**11:30 AM – Voter's Meeting**



Please let Pastor Verseemann know if you or a family member are going in the hospital.

### Leading us in worship today:

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Versemann
The Organist	Rachel Versemann
The Elders	Zeb Poland, Dave Morris
The Ushers	Harold Oldinski, Mike Kurecki
The Greeters	Cathy Kurecki, Pam Poland
The Acolyte	Conor Cogan
The Altar Guild	Phyllis Barringer, Sharon Harper
The Offering Counters	Dave Morris, Bonnie Morris

### Our Volunteers for Sunday, November 20, 2022

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Versemann
The Elders	Jim Harper, Bill Buechsenschuetz
The Ushers	Dave Morris, Terry Koontz
The Greeters	Sharon Harper, Diana Buechsenschuetz
The Acolytes	Elena Rivera, Charlotte Patterson
The Altar Guild	Tracie England
The Offering Counters	Bill Buechsenschuetz, Diana Buechsenschuetz

*Volunteers to serve snacks and coffee and clean up afterwards for Sunday Adult Bible class:*

*November 13 John and Sarah Casebeer*

*November 20 Terry and Sharon Koontz*



The "Follow the Star", advent by candlelight program is Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:30PM. For those who have signed up, SEE YOU THERE!



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

I would like to thank everyone at Trinity for your cards, gifts, and notes of encouragement for Pastor's Appreciation Month in October. I also want to thank you for all the love and support shown to me, and to my family, over the last six years. God bless you all! *Pastor Versemann*



**EVERGREEN MISSION PROJECT NEWS:**  
**OCTOBER PROJECT:**



Thank you to everyone who helped with the bake sale. We raised \$447.00 for the Evergreen Mission Project!

**NOVEMBER PROJECT:**



There is a box located under the Trinity Lutheran Church bulletin board to leave cards of encouragement for the Evergreen Lutheran Church and School. Please feel free to use the Trinity postcards on the table by the box.

**DECEMBER PROJECT:**



In December there will be a Gift Tree for the Evergreen Mission Project. Simply take a card from the tree and purchase that gift. (EX: Walmart gift card, Visa gift card, etc.).



**SCRIPS HELP THE LSA ASSESSMENT!**

The KFF Committee has agreed to give all proceeds earned with the Scrip program during the current school year to Trinity's LSA Assessment. While Trinity currently has 2 children attending LSA in the K-8th grade school, we have several young children not yet school age. Money from Scrips will be a small contribution to the Assessment, but the KFF committee wants to ensure there is enough money for Trinity to support families with children who choose to attend LSA in the future.

<u>ORDER DATES</u>	<u>DELIVERY DATES</u>
11/06	11/20
11/20	12/04
12/04	12/18

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Voter's Assembly Agenda**  
**Sunday 20 November, 2022,—11:30 A.M.**

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Review of Minutes from 15 May, 2022 Voter's Meetings
- III. Reports:
  - A. Treasurer's Report
  - B. Board of Elders
  - C. Board of Christian Education:
    - 1. Lutheran School Association
    - 2. Committee on Youth Works
    - 3. Committee on Young Adult Work
    - 4. Committee on Adult Work
    - 5. Lutheran School Foundation
  - D. Board of Stewardship:
  - E. Board of Evangelism
  - F. Board of Trustees
  - G. KFF Scholarship Committee
- IV. Pastor's Report
- V. Old Business:
  - A.
- VI. New Business:
  - A. 2023 Budget
  - B. A/C upgrade project
  - C. Windows behind altar project
  - D. 2023 housing and utilities allowance for Pastor
  - E. Elect Congregational Electors for Synod Presidential Offices
- VII. Adjournment
- VIII. Closing Prayer

*Committee Heads, in order to prepare the Voter's bulletin for the meeting, I will need your reports to me no later than the start of business on Tuesday, November 15th. Thank You! Judy*



**Christmas Decorating.** We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday, November 26th at 8:30am. The more people that can come to help the faster the job will get done.

*A Very Happy Anniversary to:*

*Kent and Susan Birmingham      November 18 (28)*

*A Very Happy Birthday to:*

*Sharon Harper      November 17*

*Joanne Born      November 18*

*Elena Rivera      November 18*

*Mike Kurecki      November 20*

*Family prayers for*

*Nanette Ruffin and Jerry Sadowski and family*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Pedro and Jeannie Rivera in celebration of Elena's birthday*

*The worship folders are given to the glory of God by  
Pedro and Jeannie Rivera in celebration of Elena's birthday*



### **LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service on COMCAST TV every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on channel 19, as well as on DIRECTV every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on channel 377.



At the District Convention, local churches were encouraged to support local pro-life ministries. Since we have New Life Pregnancy in Decatur, we have decided to support them. You will find that the 'New Life Buggy' in the north foyer is ready for your contributions. See a list of supplies inserted in this bulletin or help yourself to a list located in the handle of the cart. See Ilene McQuality with questions

### ***LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR***

Parents delivering children to death, as in abortion, indicates the end of the age is near (Luke 21:16). We rejoice that God has given limits to evil, and this will not linger forever. Our neighbors cannot afford for our tongues or talents to grow idle (2 Thessalonians 3:6). The Lord moves in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, turning hearts of parents and children to one another (Malachi 4:6). Let us also be about this the Father's business!

**PROPER 28C** (13 November 2022)

Malachi 4:1–6, 2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13, Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)

#### ***God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence***

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

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