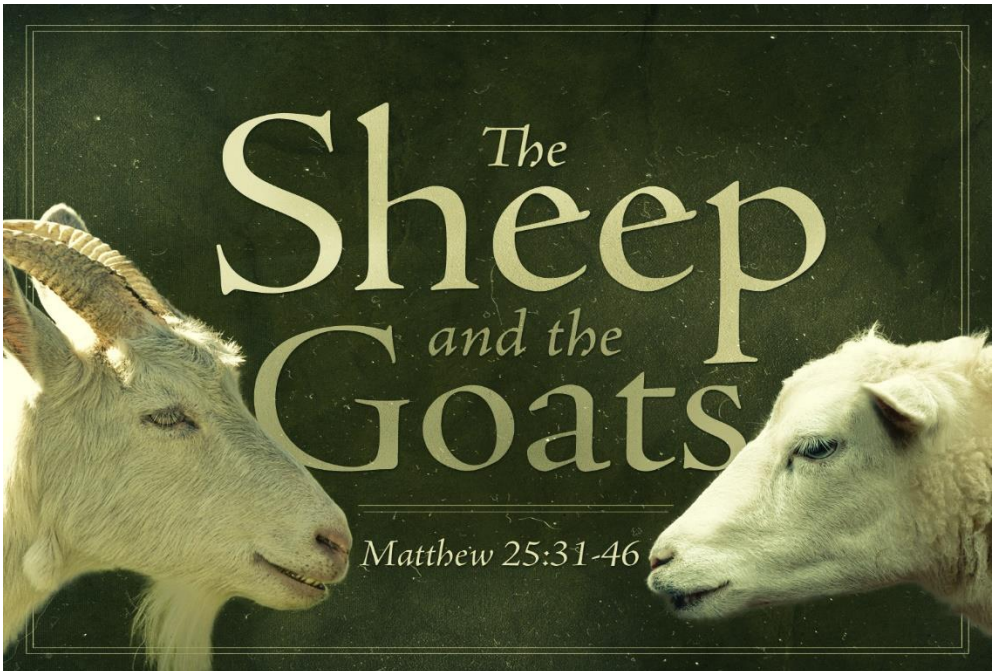




Lutheran Church & Christian School



Last Sunday of the Church Year  
**November 26, 2023**

*Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!*

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## Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,  
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,  
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



## Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY  
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS  
FORGIVENESS.**

*"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"*

## AS WE GATHER

The Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is no trivial event! In light of that sobering day, we are called to be a ready, watchful and praying people. Yet, as sobering as our preparation for that coming ought to be, we are also called joyfully to be at work, ministering to, and serving those whom God has placed in our lives. Jesus Himself gave us a profound glimpse into what that ministry looks like when He gave His life so that we might live. Now, as we remain vigilant in hope, He leads us to bear His presence of life in this world. Let us, this day, in light of the Day, consecrate and recommit ourselves and all that we are to fulfilling His desire for creation, that all might rejoice to be a sheep!

## PRELUDE

**PRE-SERVICE SONG**    *“King of Glory” (Words & Music by Third Day © 2000 New Spring Vandura 2500 Songs)*

1                      Who is this King of glory that pursues me with His love,  
And haunts me with each hearing of His softly spoken words?  
My conscience – a reminder of forgiveness that I need;  
Who is this King of glory who offers it to me? *(Repeat)*

2                      Who is this King of angels, O blessed Prince of Peace,  
Revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries?  
My spirit’s ever longing for His grace in which to stand;  
Who is this King of glory? Son of God and Son of Man!

*Chorus:*                      *His name is Jesus, precious Jesus,  
Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory!*

3                      Who is this King of glory with strength and majesty,  
And wisdom beyond measure, the gracious King of kings?  
The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things;  
He is the King of glory. He is everything to me.  
*(Chorus and repeat)*

## THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER

## INVOCATION

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we live in a sin-sick world. Unbelief and despair abound. We all would be in desperate straits were it not for the gracious call of our merciful God and Father. Through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He offers us forgiveness, life and salvation in His name, a Word of hope, which is our great heritage. Let us, therefore, consecrate ourselves in prayer and service to the glory of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking His grace and forgiveness for our life in Him.

*Silence for self-examination.*

Pastor: O Lord, if our personal lives have become shallow,

**Congregation: O Lord, deepen them.**

Pastor: If our principles have become shabby,

**Congregation: O Lord, repair them.**

Pastor: If our ideals have become tarnished,

**Congregation: O Lord, renew them.**

Pastor: If our loyalties have grown dim,

**Congregation: O Lord, brighten them.**

Pastor: If our values have become confused,

**Congregation: O Lord, clarify them.**

Pastor: If our purposes have become blurred,

**Congregation: O Lord, sharpen them.**

Pastor: If our hopes have become faded,

**Congregation: O Lord, revive them.**

## GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we need not carry a burden of guilt,

**Congregation: For Christ has lifted it.**

Pastor: We need not be anxious about tomorrow,

**Congregation: For God holds us in the hollow of His hand.**

Pastor: We need not feel unequal to the task,

**Congregation: For the Spirit of God lives within us.**

Pastor: As a fellow redeemed with you in, and called servant of Jesus Christ our Lord, I announce the grace of God to you, as well the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now we stand ready to see His face and to serve Him. Now we stand ready to hear and to receive.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*LSB 525, v. 1, 3-4*

*For this and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and gracious God, through Jesus, our Good Shepherd, You have shown Your boundless love by bringing about our redemption from sin and its power. Keep us ever closer to You until the Last Day, when You claim us as Your own to serve You in Your glorious kingdom eternally; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Congregation: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel 34:11–16, 23–24 (*The Lord will bless His sheep.*)

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ...

<sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

*(All will be made alive in Christ.)*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under His feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.**ALLELUIA AND VERSE***LSB, p.205***C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:31-46 (*The final judgment.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right:

‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.*



SERMON

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

LSB 848, v. 4

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, the gathering of God’s people, that we may support and encourage one another as we await the day of the Lord’s return. **IN MERCY, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: We pray for our nation, our state, our local community, and our neighborhoods. May justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream in our courts and in all centers of government, that we may lead lives that are peaceful and peaceable. **IN MERCY, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: We pray for those who serve among us as leaders in the Church, that they may find support and joy in their service. We pray that many young men and women would be led into vocations of service in the Church, encouraged by our prayers and our gifts. **IN MERCY, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*We share that peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**OFFERTORY** “That Where I Am”

*(Words & Music by Rich Mullins)*

*Chorus: That where I am there you may also be  
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free  
In the world you will have trouble, but I leave you My peace  
That where I am there you may also be*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We thank You that You have called us to prepare for and to await with joy the Last Day and return of our Savior Jesus Christ, when He shall judge the living and the dead and shall bring the fullness of Your eternal kingdom. Confident of Your compassion for us, we rejoice to be gathered in Your name and remembrance, even as we are bold to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

*Please see PowerPoint slides or inside back cover of the hymnal.*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Pastor: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. *Rev. 19:9a, NIV*

**Congregation:** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the Word and I shall be healed.** *Matthew 8:8, paraphrased*

## DISTRIBUTION

*For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.*

*At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.*

***All who are communing*** are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*LSB 709*

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*LSB 832*

“Beautiful Savior”

*LSB 537*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**Congregation:** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, again You have welcomed us to Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Adding our amens to those already gathered around Your throne, we thank You and ask that we may rejoice in Your presence and hold fast to Your promises. Grant Your Holy Spirit to enlighten us with His gifts so that we may live out our days in hope, eagerly awaiting the return of Christ in justice and glory. We ask this in the blessed name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Congregation:** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*Jude 24-25*

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior; through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority; before all time, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN “There Is a Redeemer”

*LSB 971*

*(Words & Music by Keith & Melody Green © 1982 Birdwing Music/Cherry Lane Music Pub. Co.)*

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One,

*Refrain: Thank You, O My Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
*(Refrain)*

3. When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
(And) there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.  
*(Refrain)*

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The flowers this morning are given  
By Eileen Nelson  
In honor of her Baptism



<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: "Dispatch to a Church in Exile" ( <i>A Study of Peter's Second Letter</i> ) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "Gospel Parallels- The Value of Repeated Accounts from Jesus' Life"
	5-6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study: "Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands"
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Race to Glory" ( <i>Book of Hebrews</i> )
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: "Dispatch to a Church in Exile" ( <i>A Study of Peter's Second Letter</i> ) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	1:00 pm	Willowbrook Condo Assoc. Meeting

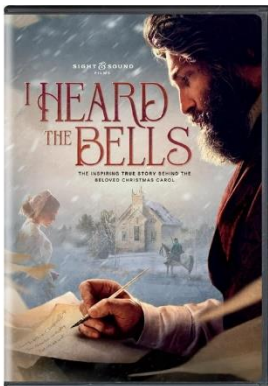
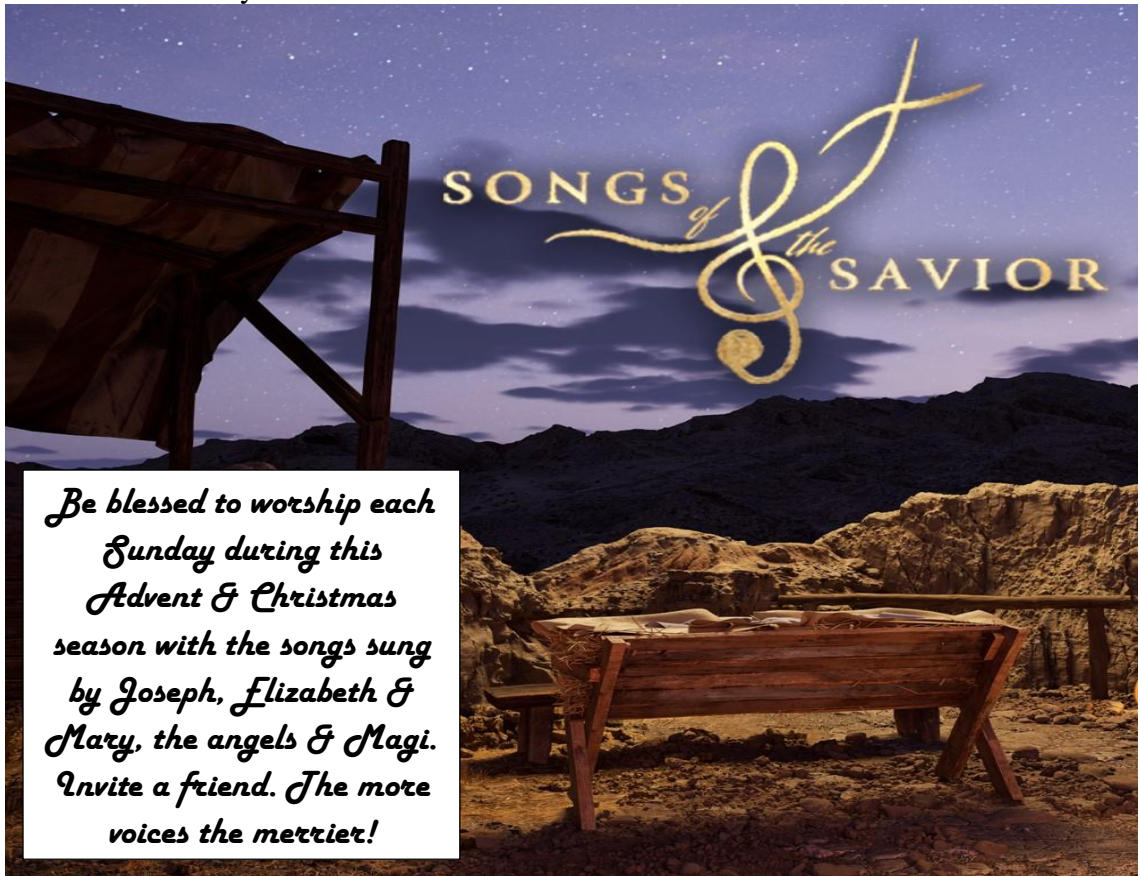
## **ATTENDANCE 11-19: 89**

**Families of the week:** *The Olmstead, Peretti and Piper families*

## **Birthdays:**

- 26 Nov—Marilyn Reardon
- 26 Nov—Fred Ziegler, Jr.
- 27 Nov—Rebecca LaQuerre
- 30 Nov—Maya Allen

- 3 Dec—Alyssa Belval



The In Team will be sponsoring the movie, "I Heard the Bells" on Sunday Evening, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. It is a true story about Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun evening of fellowship, popcorn and hot and cold drinks. Come, bring your friends and enjoy a movie and snacks.

# Calling all Men of Trinity



Men's caroling group forming for one or more events this coming Christmas season. First event will be caroling to celebrate Christ's birth at the gazebo in downtown Keene one evening in December. Fellowship and cocktails / soda to follow downtown. If you don't sing, come and hum or join us after! Future events, such as singing at local senior housing, will be discussed at the fellowship.

John Hartman has purchased hats and scarfs for all men who participate (see picture). Yours to keep! A one-time short practice after church planned before the event. Text or call John with interest to find out more: 651-895-2641.

Thank you Men of God! Let's bring Christmas cheer to downtown.

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Would you like to bless a teacher at Trinity Christian School? Our teachers do a tremendous job of teaching academics as well as the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Along the way, they encounter needs for their classrooms.

You can help by giving a gift for the Teacher Tree.



Starting Nov. 20, there will be a Christmas tree with tags hanging on it in the foyer outside the TCS office. Each tag will anonymously list a request made by one of the teachers for their classroom—anything from glue sticks to toys or puzzles for their students. If you wish to bless them, simply take a tag, purchase the item, and place it unwrapped under the tree by Dec. 19. Unclaimed tags will be fulfilled by the TCS PTFA. All items will then be distributed sometime in Jan. You will have blessed one of our precious teachers, and the students they teach! For help or more information, contact Mitch after Sunday Worship or through the church

office, or Amber Ruczko at [aruczko@tcskeene.com](mailto:aruczko@tcskeene.com). Thank you for your consideration.

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