



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A Special Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's service is a special service of Lessons and Carols and is printed for you in this bulletin. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting. **All members and guests are asked to fill out the Welcome Book found in your pew.** Please join us in the Welcome Center after the service for fellowship.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Flo and Richard Ball, Eugene Barker, Sr., Sandra Cullop, Victor Duarte, Helen Everett, Doris Fitchett, Pat Gregory, Conrad and Jeanne Greif, Lee Hendricks, Terry Ingmire, Sabrina Jennings, Doris and Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Jane Neill, Brenda Pendry, Scott and Natasha Thieman, Marc Vernick, Tom Wingate.



2020 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Welcome Center this morning. Please check your box for your name. Numbers have been reassigned as necessary. If you are currently giving through *Simply Giving* and would still like envelopes, please let Anne Combes know. If you do not have envelopes but would like some, please take a set from the unmarked boxes and write your name and envelope number on the sign-up sheet provided.



Thank you to Ralph Knorr for leading us in Worship while Pastor and Julie are enjoying some vacation time.

A Service of Readings and Carols

Prelude

From Heaven Above

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

✠Proclamation Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
 Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
 Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
 Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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✠Call to Worship

P: Dear friends in Christ: At this Christmas time once again we delight to hear the message of the angels and in heart and mind go to Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass, the Babe lying in the manger. But before we approach our Lord, let us seek his forgiveness.

✠Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

With hearts full of worship and praise let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our turning away from God to the glorious Redemption brought to us by this Holy Child.

First Lesson

Genesis 2:4-9

Choice immediately enters the picture. Both the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil are placed in the center of the garden.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Hymn

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 sts. 1, 3-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee___ be___ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God___ In___ the___ high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Hymn

See amid the Winter's Snow

LSB 373 sts. 1-3



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

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Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

LSB 366 sts. 1-2, 4



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king.”
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.



Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361 sts. 1–3



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

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Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Hymn

Away in a Manger

LSB 364

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



Hymn

Once in Royal David's City LSB 376 sts. 1-2, 5



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

5 Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Hymn

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB 374



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star

that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.

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✠Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384 sts. 1-3, 5



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

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Prayer of the Church

In Your mercy, Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things needful and beneficial, through Jesus Christ, our Lord...

For the Church, the people of His promise, to whom He has revealed His Son as Savior and Redeemer, that we may enjoy the gift of good and faithful ministers, and that the Lord may prosper the Word and bring to fruition the proclamation of Your Word in every place and time, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nation and our leaders, that the Lord may grant them wisdom in their pursuit of justice, and for the cause of peace in the world and relief for those who suffer oppression, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the protection of life from its natural beginning to its natural end, for the special protection of the unborn, for mothers with child, for the safekeeping of mother and child during childbirth, and for the comfort of God's grace to those who suffer miscarriage or the death of a child, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the renewal of our fellowship as the Body of Christ, for families, for husbands and wives, for those desiring to be married, for the single who desire marriage, and for the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friendship and family, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, that the Lord may grant them healing in accordance with His will, and for those who give aid and care to the sick especially those who request prayers from this congregation and those we name silently in our hearts... let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the grieving who suffer the loss of those they love, especially for those who mourn infants and children; for those in their last days, that the Lord may give them peace at the last; and for the day when finally we shall be reunited with those who died in Christ and be raised with them to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grateful hearts, that we may receive the Lord's gifts with joy and use them wisely and for His glory; and for grace, that our worship may be pleasing in the Lord's sight, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Spirit to increase our joy and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last the Lord returns in His glory as lord and judge of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory

Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz

✠Lord's Prayer

(in unison)

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

✠Recessional Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Postlude

Joy to the World

by Michael Burkhardt

Today's Worship Participants

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| Ushers | Bud Hubert and Doug Sulak |
| Acolyte | xxxxx |
| Lectors | Ralph Knorr and Ken Leiding |
| Host/ess | Sharon Knorr |

Participants for Next Sunday

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| Ushers | Linda Blaker and Doug Sulak |
| Acolyte | xxxxx |
| Lector | John Knickelbein |
| Communion Assistant | John Knickelbein |
| Children's Sermon | Pastor Meraz |
| Host/ess | xxxxx |

LWML NEWS - We will be holding our Women's Epiphany Luncheon on Saturday, January 4th at the Red Lobster on Independence Blvd. in Virginia Beach at 11:30 am. Please sign up **TODAY** on the LWML board to let us know you are attending. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

Welcome Center Renovation – A committee has been established to review possible changes to our Welcome Center. We realize everyone has a different idea of what is needed and what is not needed. If you would like your opinion heard please take a minute to speak with Pastor or Lynn Hubert and let us know your thoughts. You have seen a few changes already. Let us know what you think so far. We are eager to update our Welcome Center to be more "welcoming" for our 100th Anniversary celebrations. Here is your chance to have your comments heard. God bless each of you for being a part of our Trinity family.

Trinity's 100th year celebration begins as we welcome in 2020. Our first Anniversary Recognition Service will be held on Sunday, January 12th followed by a reception in the Welcome Center. Praising the Lord for 100 years of Grace! Please join our celebration!

De-Greening of the Church - We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 5th, with our Worship Service at 10:00 am. Please stay after the service to help un-decorate the church and put away the decorations.