

Trinity Weekly News

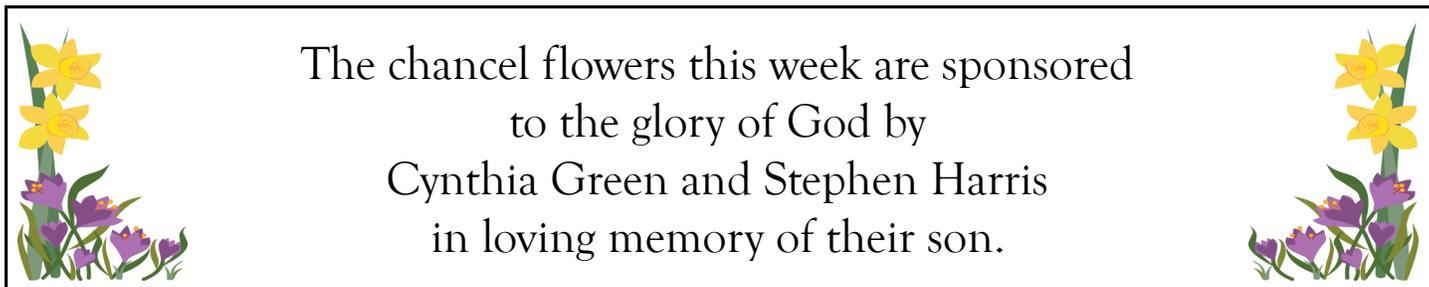
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This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 12/6:

- 8:00 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion (in-person and online)
- 9:10-9:30 a.m.—Communion in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m.—Children’s Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m.—Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
- 12:00 p.m.—JCC
- 3:00 p.m.—Youth Group
- 3:30 p.m.—Pickleball

Monday 12/7:

- 9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m.—Church Decorating
- 4:30 p.m.—Worship Service w/Communion
- 6:00 p.m.—Worship Service w/Communion

Tuesday 12/8:

- 6:00 p.m.—Vesper Guild
- 7:00 p.m.—Board of Directors (online)

Wednesday 12/9:

- 8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
- 9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Guild
- 12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

Thursday 12/10:

- 8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Sunday 12/13:

- 8:00 a.m.—Worship Service (in-person and online)
- 9:30 a.m.—Children’s Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m.—Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m.—JCC
- 3:00 p.m.—Youth Group
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POINSETTIAS

A sign-up sheet to sponsor poinsettias for the Sanctuary Christmas beautification is posted on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. The cost is \$10 per plant. Please write your check to Trinity Lutheran Church with "Altar Guild" in the memo line and place it in the collection box.



A LIFE QUOTE FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE



"This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren't sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world."

Right to Life of Michigan

ASSEMBLY OF VOTERS

The Assembly of Voters will hold a regular meeting Sunday, December 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Items on the agenda will include the 2021 budget, the 2021 worship schedule, and the election of board and officer candidates for 2021. For the most up-to-date list of candidates, please contact Nominating Committee Chairman David Attebery.



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

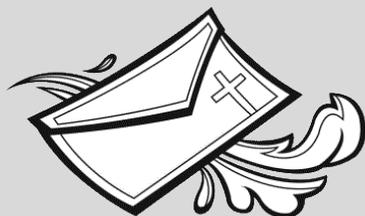


BIBLE QUIZ QUESTION

In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul mentions the "super-apostles."
To whom was he referring?

Browse the Trinity Weekly News to find the answer.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



The offering envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the Narthex. If you would like to have your envelopes mailed to you this year, please contact the Church Office, and we will gladly send them. Please note that you will likely have a new number for 2021, so in January please recycle or discard any envelopes from 2020.

2020 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will be having several special services. Since this is 2020 and public health concerns may require us to alter our plans, these worship schedules are subject to change. Because the socially distant capacity of the Sanctuary is limited, we will offer overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall and/or the Gym on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will hold three services on Christmas Eve, but none of these will be a “children’s service” like we typically hold. Instead, the Advent service at 7:00 p.m. on December 16 will include special children’s participation opportunities. We will provide as much notice as possible of any changes to these dates and times. We hope you can join us!



Wednesday December 9:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

Wednesday December 16:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service
7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

Thursday December 24th:

5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service
7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service[†]
11:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service

Friday December 25th:

9:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship Service[†]

Thursday December 31st:

12:00 p.m.—New Year’s Eve Worship Service
7:00 p.m.—New Year’s Eve Worship Service

[†]This service will also be livestreamed on
www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE UPDATE

There are several opportunities for our Sunday School children to share their gifts in the midweek Advent service on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Please check your email for a message from Mary Frerking with all the details. Please let us know if you are interested by December 7 or ASAP. We are also planning a From Children to Children gift drive and are asking each family to bring an unwrapped gift for a child of any age. These gifts will be collected and donated to a local charity (TBD). If you have questions please call Pastor McCalley at (573) 445-2112, Carolyn Holste at (573) 814-9025, or Mary Frerking at (816) 916-2903.

HOMEWORK FROM PASTOR McCALLEY

To aid preparation for weekly worship, the *Trinity Weekly News* will begin offering a preview-study of the coming Sunday's Scripture lessons. These questions strengthen understanding of Holy Scripture, and they also introduce the unique theme and emphasis of a Sunday. A given Sunday's emphasis is not heard only in the Bible readings but also in the collect of the day, the introit, psalm, and especially in the sermon and hymns. By studying the readings before the service, we can get our bearings in the structure and flow of the liturgical year and the unique purposes of each season. These questions may also be used for family devotions.

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent (Rejoice Sunday)

Liturgical Note: The third Sunday in Advent is "Rejoice" Sunday or *Gaudete* Sunday in Latin because *Gaudete* is the first word of the Introit for the Sunday.

Old Testament: Is. 61:1-4, 8-11

1. Who is speaking in Isaiah 61? Is it the Messiah or the Prophet? If the former, what capabilities does he bring about good news, "to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives...to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" that mortal men do not? If the latter, who could Isaiah be referring to?
2. In v. 2, the year of the Lord's favor is written in Israelite civil law for a specific purpose. Read Leviticus 25:1-22 for its origin and purpose.
3. These great works of God written in these verses are promised to occur. What person of the Godhead (Trinity) would be the main actor if the works occur through human hands? How does this person of the Trinity accomplish these works in us today?

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

1. "Rejoice always," Paul instructs the church at Thessalonika. How does a Christian have joy? Read also Galatians 5:16-24. How do these verses aid in understanding 1 Thess. 5:19?
2. What will the God of peace do for us? Read 1 Thess. 5:23-24. Why are we to be kept blameless?
3. Christians are to test everything, especially the teachings of others claiming to be from God. Jesus warned against them in Matthew 7:15-23. Read 1 John 4:1-6. What is the criteria John demands in his test? How can we stay in the know about false prophets? See. Acts 17:11.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

1. John the Baptizer's preparatory ministry causes us to rejoice. For what has he prepared us?
2. How are we prepared by baptism? Read Isaiah 61:10. The bridal imagery points to the church (all believers) as the bride and Christ as the bridegroom. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:22-23. How is the bride an eternal kingdom? Read Revelation 23:3-4.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

Trinity is holding in-person worship services and on-site events. However, the COVID-19 pandemic requires several modifications to the way we meet for worship. Based on the most recent orders from the City of Columbia, we are observing the following practices:

- ✝ If you are in the high-risk group as defined by the City of Columbia (65 or older or have an underlying medical condition), you are encouraged not to attend services or events.
- ✝ If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or other COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend.
- ✝ The most recent guidelines limit our occupancy to 100 people.
- ✝ We are following strict social distancing guidelines. Households are encouraged to sit together, but groups must sit at least six feet from the nearest group, with vacant pews both in front of and behind each occupied pew. Please follow all written and verbal instructions given at the service.



✝ Worshipers must wear face masks when attending worship services. Worshipers may, at their discretion, remove their face mask once in their seats and at least six feet from the nearest group. Face masks must be worn when arriving, leaving, or otherwise moving about the church. If you do not own a face mask or forget to bring one, we will provide a mask for you.

✝ If you need to visit one of the pastors or the Church Office, you must wear a face mask. If you have a meeting or other business at the church, the only time you may remove your mask is if you are alone in a room. Masks should be removed if you are playing a sport or other athletic activity.

✝ Worship services are held at regular times: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 p.m. on Monday.

✝ The 8:00 a.m. worship service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo.



✝ Special worship services will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Communion Mondays with extra safety measures. At these services, there is no singing and masks must be worn at all times.

✝ Communion will be offered at worship services as scheduled. Communion will also be available at other advertised times and by appointment.

✝ Children's Sunday School and Adult Sunday Bible Class meet in-person at 9:30 a.m. An adult Bible study is also available online at www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo. Fellowship Hour has been canceled through the end of the year.



✝ Meetings and events may be held on site. Social distancing guidelines and all City of Columbia orders must be followed including rules for wearing face masks and for food preparation and service. As with worship services, high-risk and symptomatic persons are encouraged not to attend events and meetings.

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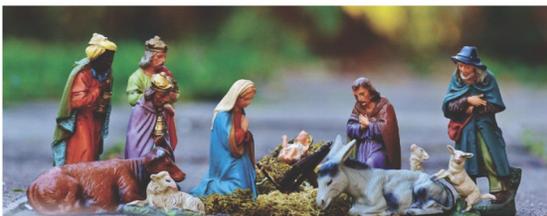
Life NEWS

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Life Newsbytes

A strong majority of New Zealand voters approved the legalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia for the terminally ill on October 30. Foes of legalization said many voters appeared confused about the measure's far-reaching effects and warned that the move will have consequences for the vulnerable. The nationwide referendum passed with support from 65% of voters. It allows terminally ill persons who are believed to have six months or fewer to live to be euthanized or to take a lethal dose of prescribed drugs themselves, on the condition that two doctors agree the person is well-informed. Patients are eligible if they show significant, ongoing decline in physical ability and experience "unbearable suffering that cannot be eased." The law will take effect November 6, 2021 ... The New Zealand law does not require a waiting period before a lethal dose is prescribed, nor does it require a competency test. In November 2019 the New Zealand Parliament approved the bill, officially called "The End of Life Choice Bill," by a vote of 69-51 ... Voters had to approve the act in referendum in order for it to become law. (*CNA, 10/30/20; CLR LifeWire, 11/5/20*)



Speaking up For Life

"Here is why Christmas matters ... '[H]e too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death ...' (Hebrews 2:14a). Imagine that. He needed a human body so it could be nailed to a cross. He needed human blood so it could be poured out as a sin offering for the world. For you. And it all started in Bethlehem. What can you say to that but 'glory to God in the highest!'" *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace*

"The beginning of the Christmas Gospel reminds us of Mary's condition. She is pregnant, with child ... The growth and development of a baby in the womb from just two tiny cells is a miracle ... After five weeks, the embryo is the size of a grain of rice. It has a brain and spinal cord. After six weeks, the heart is beating and you can see the eyes, ears, and head. After seven weeks, the arms, legs, and nose are visible. After eight weeks, the baby is only two centimeters long, but you can still see its fingers and toes. The perfect alignment and connection of every cell is a wondrous miracle. In the growth and development of every baby, we are participants in God's gracious miracle of creation and new life." *Bishop Emeritus John F. Bradosky, NALC*

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Christian Life for Christian Women

Author Rose Adle: "Throughout this short booklet, let's not lose sight of this: The place for the first lady was designed thoughtfully and with great significance and deep love. It was not an accident. It was not a mistake. There was specific, meaningful purpose infused in every fiber of womankind's created self. The first lady to occupy the woman's place in creation was named Eve. This first lady received her place, rejected it, and was restored to it by grace. We can relate! We're related, after all."

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Source: www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2020/07/abortion-statistics-united-states-data-and-trends-4

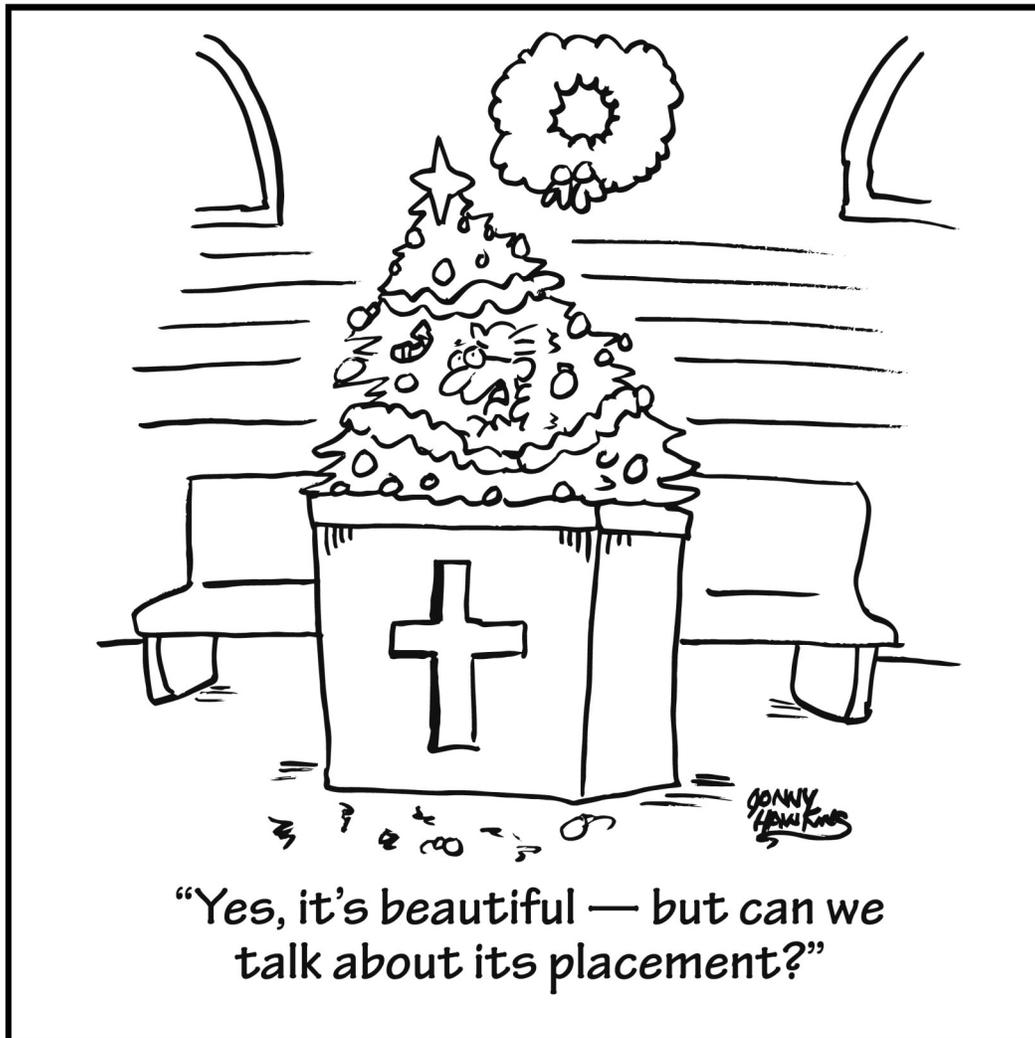


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STEWARDSHIP & SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness ...” All the things of earth have an expiration date: “Good Until the Last Day.” On that Day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

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BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER



The term “super-apostles” was only used in the Bible this once, and it was a facetious, sarcastic reference to false preachers and teachers, mostly in Corinth, who denigrated Paul and his ministry. These false apostles claimed to be superior to Paul, saying they had greater knowledge and more theological authority than him. See 2 Corinthians 11.

COLLECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions. Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.



Community Collection Items:

- Bibles • Best Choice UPCs • Tyson 1-2-3 Labels • Box Tops for Education •
- Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops • Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids you no longer use •
- Coupons with no expiration date • Food (nonperishable, no glass containers) •
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RADIO RESOURCES

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM** 8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

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