

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2020



Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word

*Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.*

**Guests:** If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.



**Children:** Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who prefers or needs a more private setting.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.



**Publications:** We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

**Accessibility:** A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



**Audio Assistance:** We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. Audio and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.



### Serving in God's House Today:

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Joseph McCalley
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Rev. Brian Thieme
<b>Elders:</b>	John Frerking and Daniel Hartman
<b>Organist:</b>	Joanna McDowell
<b>Assistant Organist:</b>	Matthew Frerking

# Order of Service: Prayer and Preaching – LSB 260

Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn

LSB 515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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*Stand*

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** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- C** Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.
- L** Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C** Make His paths straight.
- L** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C** Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.
  
- 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.
- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.”



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.



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

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

**L** A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-first chapter.

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. . . .

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

**L** A reading from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel Reading

*John 1:1–8, 19–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

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

## Responsory

**L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**L** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

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

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*Stand*

## Ten Commandments

- ❶ 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

- ❶ 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.

## Lord's Prayer

- ❶ 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn

LSB 337 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
 2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
 3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring

not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
 child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
 morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows

greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -

fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a

Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
 new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.

# Children's Message

## Sermon Hymn

LSB 337 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the  
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And  
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -  
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us  
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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## Sermon

"The Year of the Lord's Favor, Really?"

Isaiah 61:2



*Stand*

## Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** 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.
- P** 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.
- P** 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.
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** 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.
- P** 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.
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** 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. Amen.

### Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

### Collect of the Day

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### 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. Amen.

### Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart

LSB 834 "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
 Δ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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Organ Postlude

# Trinity Weekly News

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## December 13 & 14, 2020



The chancel flowers this week are sponsored  
to the glory of God by  
Ron & Barbara Barrett  
in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.



## This Week at Trinity:

### 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
- 3:30 p.m.—Pickleball

### Monday 12/14:

- 9:00 a.m.—Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m.—Worship Service

### Wednesday 12/16:

- 8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
- 12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m.—Pickleball
- 7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

### Thursday 12/17:

- 8:45 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
- 11:00 a.m.—Chapel w/Communion  
@ Lenoir Woods
- 6:00 p.m.—Board of Elders

### Sunday 12/20:

- 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
- 12:30 p.m.—Assembly of Voters
- 3:00 p.m.—JCC
- 3:00 p.m.—Youth Group
- 3:30 p.m.—Pickleball

## 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



"Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you." *Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College*

## 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.



## BIBLE QUIZ QUESTION

John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only son...") is sometimes called the "Gospel in a nutshell" because it so perfectly summarizes God's gift of salvation.



To whom was Jesus speaking when he said these memorable words?

- A) Nicodemus
- B) Zacchaeus
- C) The woman at the well in Samaria
- D) None of the above

*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!

Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY

### Wednesday December 16:

12:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

7:00 p.m.—Advent Worship Service

### Thursday December 24:

5:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service

7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service<sup>†</sup>

11:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Worship Service

### Friday December 25:

9:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Worship Service<sup>†</sup>

### Thursday December 31:

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

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

<sup>†</sup>This service will also be livestreamed on  
[www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylutherancomo).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE UPDATE

Please join us as some of our Sunday School children share their gifts in the midweek Advent service on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. 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.



## LFCS SEASON OF HOPE TREE



Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Mid-Missouri is grateful to be working again with Trinity and the Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center. Your support of LFCS allows children right here in our community to find safe and loving homes, devoted families, and essential services to become empowered for a better tomorrow. There has been an increase in the individuals and families requesting LFCS's Christ-centered services in Columbia in 2020, so we are especially thankful for the opportunity share to our ministry with you this year.

The LFCS families are in need of many necessities for infants and children. The items we are hoping to have donated include diapers, pull-ups, wipes, bottles, bottle brushes, teething rings, baby shampoo, baby wash, pajamas, and over-the-counter children's medicines. There is a tree in the Narthex for church members who would like to contribute. Simply take a tag from the tree, purchase the item on the tag, and place the item and tag under the tree. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful kindness. May you and your family have a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

-Myra McCoig, LFCS Advisory Board member for TLC



## AMAZON SMILE

Do you like to shop on amazon.com? Did you know that they will donate a portion of your purchase to the charity of your choice? If you go to smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com, you can choose a charity for donations. There are thousands of charities you can choose from including local nonprofits like Trinity, Voluntary Action Center, Love INC, Mobility Worldwide, Boone County Animal Care, or the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Mo. You can also select a national charity like Lutherans for Life, LCMS, LWML, Mission Central, or United Way.



## 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) •
- Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas) •

## HOMEWORK FROM PASTOR McCALLEY

For December 20, 2020 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

1. The Ark of the Covenant was the physical sign of God's presence with his chosen people: "...let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst" (Ex. 25:8). God moved his chosen people and stayed with them as they fought battles and moved into the Promised Land. The presence of the living God distinguished them from all other tribes. Exodus chapters 25-40 teach the Lord's instructions for the Ark, but also the entire worship space the Israelites were to build. If you're using the *Lutheran Study Bible*, illustrations on page 139 (The Tabernacle) and 159 (The Ark) provide helpful visuals.
2. King David says to the prophet Nathan, in v. 2: "I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." What could David's motivation(s) be for building a house for God based on Israel's history? Read: Joshua 18:1, Judges 20:18, 26-28, 21:12, 21 and 1 Samuel 1:24 and chapters 4-5. Or, if you have the *Lutheran Study Bible*, see page 495 for the quick answer!
3. Read all of chapter 7 and then 1 Chronicles 17:1-27. What do you notice?
4. Psalm 132 teaches us much of the content of 2 Sam. 7 in a song of praise. Psalm 132:11 is a particularly short summary. What does God promise to do? Is this 'new'? Read Genesis 3:15. Bonus points for the "fancy-schmancy word" scholars use for the words "he shall crush your head and you shall bruise his heel." [15 letters, two possibilities]
5. Read Exodus 1:21. What does God give to those who fear him? Look also at Genesis 22:16-18.
6. David intends to build a physical house (the temple) for the Lord. But what does God promise to do in vv.11-14? Now read Matthew 1:1-17. What has God done?

### Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

1. Paul refers to the prophetic writings which is the entire Old Testament. All Scripture points to Christ who has now been revealed as God's fulfillment of his promises. Read Hebrews 1:1, 2. Christ is the total end-all of absolutely everything King David, Old Testament believers, and the New Testament church believe.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

1. What is God promising to do through Mary in vv. 32, 33? How does Luke 1:45 tie in to 2 Samuel 7:13, 16?
2. Grammar Fun! Who is of Davidic descent, Mary or Joseph? Some scholars are divided on this issue, but most agree it is Mary. Grammatically or culturally speaking could it be Joseph? As Luke's gospel spreads, could it make a difference for some groups, why? Should it trouble us? The Scriptures are in agreement that the Messiah, the Christ, would come through David's line. Read Luke 3:23-38.
3. What is Zacharias' reaction to the angel's announcement of Elizabeth's pregnancy? (Luke 1:5-25, but especially vv. 18-20). How is his reaction different than Mary's (1:38, 1:45)?
4. Most of us are not of the lineage of David. How are we brought into the family, the Old Testament promise? See John 1:12-13, Romans 8:14-16, Romans 11:13-24, and Ephesians 1:5. What is the "New Testament Family"?
5. Read John 2:13-22 and Acts 7:48. How has the Old Testament promise come to fulfillment?
6. Matthew's gospel closes with the words, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). How is Jesus' with us now? Small Catechism, question 292 in the newest version, question 161 in middle blue edition, and 168 in ol' blue (1943 ed.)

**Challenge Question:** Read Acts 7, but pay special attention to vv. 44-50. How does Stephen teach about King David's desire, but God's actual plan (v. 49-50)?

## 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](http://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](http://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.

## STEWARDSHIP & SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

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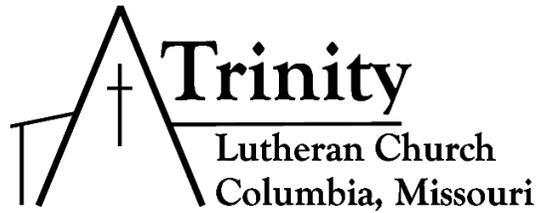


"Do you have one that says, 'Sorry my cell phone rang during your sermon'?"



## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER

When Jesus spoke the words of John 3:16, he was speaking to Nicodemus, a Pharisee who came to Jesus in secret to learn more about him and his God-given message of salvation.



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