

# Trinity Weekly News

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The chancel flowers this week are sponsored  
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33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary



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## This Week at Trinity:

### **Sunday 12/24**

#### **Advent IV**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm

#### **Christmas Eve**

7:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service  
11:00 p.m.—Divine Service +Comm

### **Monday 12/25**

#### **Christmas Day**

9:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm

### **Thursday 12/28**

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

### **Friday 12/22**

#### **Pastors' day off**

### **Sunday 12/31**

#### **New Year's Eve**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service +Comm  
7:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Service



## Advent & Christmas Services

### Sunday December 24th: Advent IV

8:00 am — Divine Service +Comm.  
10:30 am — Divine Service +Comm.

### Christmas Eve

7:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service  
11:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service  
+Communion

### Monday December 25th: Christmas

9:00 am — Divine Service +Comm.

### Sunday December 31st New Year's Eve

8:00 am — Divine Service +Comm.  
10:30 am — Divine Service +Comm.  
7:00 pm — Divine Service + Comm.

#### MEMORY VERSE

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

GALATIANS 4:4-5



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## Men's Bible Study



### Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition)*, starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of *Concordia*, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the *Concordia* notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at **7:00 am each Thursday.**

# FUN, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE JANUARY - JUNE 2023

Midway Golf & Games

Served  
Easter Breakfast

Super Bowl  
Sub Sales

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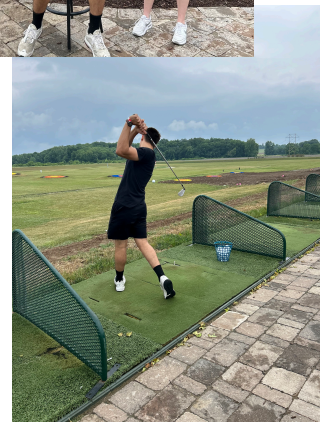


Ice Skating & Ice Cream

Movie Night

Chinese Dumpling Extravaganza

Served  
Lenten Light Supper



Finals Dinner  
@ El Maguey



# ✠ CONGREGATION AT PRAYER ✠

**CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR** There really is no Fourth Sunday in Advent because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, and therefore the celebrations of The Nativity of Our Lord takes precedence over any other liturgical date. The Church is almost impatient by the fourth Sunday and cries out, “Come quickly Lord Jesus!” You likely know the “12 Days of Christmas” carol. These 12 days are sort of a “mini-season” of the church year. The practice has been around since 567 AD when the Council of Tours set forth this celebration. The point of 12 days is to carry us from Christmas Day to Epiphany- such was the importance of gathering together to worship and meditate on God’s taking on our human flesh to accomplish our salvation and His revelation as the beloved Son of God. Theme of the Week: *The Word of the is Fulfilled in the Flesh of Jesus.*

## *Feasts, Festivals, & Commemorations*

Christmas Eve Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 110:1-14; 1 John 4:7-16; St. Matthew 1:18-25  
 Christmas Midnight Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; St. Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)  
 Christmas Dawn Isaiah 62:10-12; Psalm 98; Titus 3:4-7; St. Luke 2: (1-14) 15-20  
 Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 2; Hebrews 1:1-12; St. John 1:1-14  
 12/26 St. Stephen, Martyr 2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Psalm 119:13-144; Acts 6:8-7:2, 51-60; St. Matthew 22:34-39  
 12/27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Revelation 1:1-6; Psalm 11; 1 John 1:1-2:2; St. John 21:2-25  
 12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Jeremiah 31:15-17; Psalm 54; Revelation 14:1-5; St. Matthew 2:13-18

**PRAYERS OF THE WEEK** (Advent IV) Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Christmas Midnight) O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WEEKLY PSALMS

*Morning Psalm 97 & 98*  
*Evening Psalm 96*

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<i>Monday</i>	Zechariah 2:10-13; 1 John 1
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 48:12-19; 1 John 2:1-14
<i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 49:1-10; 1 John 2:15-29
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 49:13-19; 1 John 3:1-10
<i>Friday</i>	Isaiah 50:1-10; 1 John 3:11-24
<i>Saturday</i>	Isaiah 51:1-11; 1 John 4:1-10

## READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS I (12/31)

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

## DAILY CATECHISM Theme of the Week: The Giving of the Law

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 5:1-21</i> When were 10 Commandments given? How are vv. 4-6 an explanation of the 1st commandment? What relationship do vv. 3-11 speak of?
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>St. Matthew 5:17-48</i> Does Jesus minimize the law? Who is able to keep the law? From where do our sinful actions come? What does God demand?
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i> How do vv. 8-10 relate to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> commandment? Why are these verses repeated from Monday’s lesson?
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Genesis 5:13-15</i> What is the fulfillment of the Law? How do Christians fulfill this command?
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Romans 3:9-20</i> What is the purpose of the Law? How are blind to sin without it? Why does God give the Law? Why is this a blessing?



## ✠ CONGREGATION AT PRAYER ✠

The following is a brief Order of Service that may be used for guiding home devotion and study. I hope to make this into a printed and laminated card for distribution. The Hymn of the Week fits nicely in several places: before or after the Invocation, the Scripture Readings, after the Lord's Prayer, or the Benedicamus.

**Invocation** *In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Morning or Evening Psalm**

**Prayer of the Week**

**Daily Bible Readings and/or Daily Catechism**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benedicamus Domino** *Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## 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.

- *Bibles and Devotional Materials*
- *Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)*
- *Coupons with no expiration date*
- *Eyeglasses you no longer use*
- *Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)*
- *Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops*





## 2024 Member Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of envelopes for 2024 off the tables in the overflow area. There are new numbers for many of our members, so **do not use these envelopes until 2024.**

If your address on the box is absent or incorrect, please contact the church office to update it. Thank you!

If you cannot locate your box, please let the Financial Secretary know and she will be happy to assist you.

## Life Thoughts

**December 24 – Advent IV/Christmas Eve** – Almighty God has profound interest and investment in childbearing and childrearing (2 Samuel 7:12; Luke 1:31). He has made this relationship and vocation central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every mother and father, every son or daughter embodies the love of the Lord for humankind. While abortion attempts to conceal the realities, our sanctity-of-life advocacy gets to reveal this delightful mystery (Romans 16:25).



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For  
God so  
loved the  
world, that he  
gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes  
in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

John  
3:16



New Year's greeting from the Life Team! Every January we celebrate Life Sunday. This year in addition to celebrating Life Sunday on January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Life Team invites you to celebrate Life Week! The congregation is invited to a zoom call every day from Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. You can do this by visiting **[lutheransforlife.org/life-](https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/)**

**week-2024/**. The theme this year is Just As. . .I Am! There will be a Sharing Moment on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from the Life Team with more details and Life Week reminder cards will be passed out after each service.

The topics for each day are:

- Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – From Fertilization to Forever – (A Gospel-Motivated Foundation)
- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – in Terminal Diagnosis
- Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – Surviving and Thriving
- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – in Surprise Pregnancy
- Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – with Courage and Compassion
- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – as Male and Female
- Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Just As I Am – for Blessing and Serving

To access these events, go to [lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/](https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2024/) and scroll down for the zoom access information. It is the same for each day.

The Life Team will also be holding a freewill offering on Life Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to support the Lutherans for Life Adoption Fund. Checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with adoption fund in the memo line. A special Life Sunday lesson will be held for children pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as an special Adult Sunday School lesson. We are looking forward to celebrating Life Sunday with you!

Blessings, the Life Team

## Stewardship & Scripture

### December 24 – Advent 4

**2 Samuel 7:4–5 – “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’”**

Nathan thought David's idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord's name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God's kingdom.

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## Radio & Podcast 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](http://www.lhm.org), on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

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

9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Enjoy the Twelve Days of Christmas on KFUE Radio, with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings until January 6. Blessed Christmas! Christ is born! KFUE Radio app.



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