

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Partner in Cooperative Ministry**

First Lutheran West Jordan

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**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville, IL**



**And  
First Lutheran of  
Jordan, Sterling, IL**





*Trinity Lutheran Church is the Host for this years*

*The Community Christmas Service*

*Sunday December 4th*

*At 6:30 P.M.*

*There will be Special music, Christmas songs.*

*After the service there will be refreshments in the social hall*

*Come and enjoy*



This year we will use the *In Light & Darkness Advent Devotional* for the season of Advent. These devotionals (handed out at church on Sundays) are meant to be colored in and doodled/drawn on. You are invited to allow the illustrations and spaces for creativity to draw you deeper into the reflection. The inspiration for our theme comes from the common usage of “light” and “darkness” during Advent, and from exploring how the earth experiences both the very lightest and darkest days with summer and winter solstices during Advent. Scripture focusing on God’s light has lead to the belief light is the source of all goodness and

hope. This belief implies darkness is not wanted or needed, it is something to banish or get rid of, or God is not even present in the dark.

Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, is the inspiration for this devotional. In her book, she helps us reimagine our understanding of darkness, primarily how Christianity often relies heavily on the binary (“either/or”) construct of light as good and darkness as bad. Taylor proposes the pair of light and dark exist together in balance, not opposition. She asks, “What can light possibly mean without dark?”

We will use the devotional during our mid-week Evening Prayer services but you may also use them personally, or in your family or with a friend. As each section is colored, we will display some of the pages in our sanctuary!

**Advent Evening Prayer Service**

**Will be held on Thursday's. Starting December 1st, 8th, & 16th at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Chapel**



## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers/greeters

Dec. 4th & 11th Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs

Lector Jodi Woessner

Dec. 18th Jim & Jan Wetzell

Lector Jan Wetzell



**Christmas Eve services 4:00 at FWJ,  
6:00pm at TLC**



**Sunday Dec. 25th service At TLC 9:00**



**Sunday Jan. 1st service at FWJ**

### **THE SEWERS ARE BACK**

We will be sewing again on Mondays at 10:30.

There will be a lite lunch of what ever dish you bring. They are working on tying quilts And sewing for singles bed.

### **In our prayers:**

#### **From First:**

Irene Burdick, Roger Hinrichs,  
Scotty Powell, Ramon Woessner,  
Dodie Whitmer, Elena Vassallo,  
Rhonda Ramirez, Debbie Howlett,  
Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman,  
Bob Woessner, Polly Adams,  
Charlene Lane, Myron Deets,  
Jared & Seantae Wetzell,  
Sye Dodson, and Landon Frederick.

#### **From Trinity:**

Lori Anderson, Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Jim Brubaker,  
Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman,  
Tom Cleary, Matthew Foltz,  
Carol Frederick, Larry & Mary Gerdes,  
Sharon Hammer, Jane Hines,  
Roger Hinrichs, Joyce Lancaster,  
Mikey Remmers, Sandy Skinner  
Bob Woessner, Sye Dodson, Landon Frederick

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### Church Leaders Directory

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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# Christmas

## Birth of Jesus Word Search

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 C C I D R J G W T V R K M V P  
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ANGEL  
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 CENSUS  
 DONKEY  
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 FRANKINCENSE

GABRIEL  
 GIFTS  
 GOLD  
 INNKEEPER  
 JESUS  
 JOSEPH  
 KINGS

MAGI  
 MANGER  
 MARY  
 MESSIAH  
 MYRRH  
 NIGHT  
 SHEEP

SHEPHERDS  
 SHINING  
 SON OF GOD  
 STABLE  
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 STRAW  
 WISE MEN

BiblePuzzles.com



## CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLER



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS BELOW.



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## How to get what you need at Trinity Lutheran/First Lutheran Church's

### Emergency Pastoral Care Concern?

Hospitalizations, Illness,  
Family Crisis

Call Pr. Susan Davenport at  
Cell phone # 563-613-3892

Do **NOT** rely on the hospital to  
contact the church.

Do **NOT** rely on word of mouth/  
The grapevine.

Do **NOT** rely on mindreading skills.  
Pastor missed that class in seminary.

### Non—Urgent

#### Pastoral Needs?

Scheduling a home visit/baptism/  
wedding. Confirmation/Christian Ed,  
Coffee & Conversation

Leave a message at Trinity for Pr. Susan.  
She will return it as soon as possible.

#### E-mail Pastor Susan

[pastorsusan678@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsusan678@gmail.com)

### Questions about

#### Administrative stuff?

Announcements for the bulletin, ques-  
tions about schedules, Financial ques-  
tions, hall rental, etc....

Call the Church and leave a message for  
Janet on the Church answering machine,  
for her to return during office hours

**815-225-7410 or E-mail Janet at**  
[telcsecretary@mediacommb.net](mailto:telcsecretary@mediacommb.net)

Contact a council member

December 6th, 2022

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 pm



Food  
Pantry



**Grace Meals**  
At Trinity Lutheran Church  
December 20th, at 11:30  
In the Social Hall  
All seniors are welcome

## Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, December 20th. at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner &  
Greg Kruse, leaders



**The Christmas Gift  
(The Giving Tree)**  
The gifts should be  
back by no later than  
December 18th

## Trinity Lutheran Web Page & Facebook Service

The web page has the most current Newsletter plus the last  
10 years of annual reports. Web Page is found at  
[www.trinitymville.com](http://www.trinitymville.com)

Facebook where all the Sunday Services can be viewed if you  
can't make it to church. You would have to have Facebook ac-  
count on your computer, laptop, tablet or phone. Just "Like"  
Trinity Lutheran Church Milledgeville, to view the church's Fa-  
cebook page and you can view the service. And get other post  
from Trinity Facebook page.

## VOICES OF PRAISE EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH 202 E Morris ST. MORRISON, IL

12th annual Voices of Praise Christmas Cantata,  
"The King is Here!"

"The King is Here!", a Christmas worship musical arranged and  
orchestrated by Cliff Duren, is written to feature a variety of  
Christmas music to appeal to multi-generational audiences. The  
audience is invited to sing along with the 80-voice choir on  
"Tapestry of Carols," a medley of five traditional Christmas carols  
before the choir sings the finale, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Friday December 14th 7:00PM

Saturday December 15th 3:00 pm

Sunday December 16th 7:00pm

## When are the 12 Days of Christmas?

The 12 Days of Christmas are the days of the Christmas Season.  
These are the days between the Nativity of our Lord (December 25)  
and the Epiphany of our Lord (January 6). There are 2 traditions of  
counting these 12 Days of Christmas. One tradition is that the 12  
Days of Christmas start on Christmas Day, and conclude on  
"Twelfth Night", which is January 5. The second tradition is that the  
12 Days of Christmas begin on December 26, and run through Janu-  
ary 6. "Twelfth Night" would then be January 6. Despite the promo-  
tions and activity of our culture, the Christian "Christmas Season"  
begins on Christmas Day, rather than during the time leading up to  
Christmas.

### Special Days during the 12 Days of Christmas

\*December 26 – The Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr. Read  
about his ministry in Acts chapters 6 and 7

\*December 27 – The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.  
Read one of the books connected to his ministry, such as the Gospel  
of John, the three letters of John, and Revelation.

\*December 28 – Remembrance of the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem,  
Martyrs. Read about these victims of tyranny in Matthew chapter 2,  
especially verses 16-18.

\*December 31 – New Year's Eve – a chance to reflect on God's  
grace for you during this past year.

\*January 1 – The Name of Jesus. On this day we remember Jesus'  
8th day. Read about this in Luke 2:21. This is when his name was  
announced in a public way.

\*The Epiphany of our Lord – January 6  
'The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those  
who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.'  
— Isaiah 9:2

"Quotes From Martin Luther Church, Carmine, Texas

Preparing for the 12 days of Christmas"



## December Daily Prayer

**Dec 1st**—God, in this holy season, open our hearts to see you present with us. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Dec 2nd**—Grant us the insight and humility to seek your wise guiding in our daily lives. Amen

**Dec 3rd**— O God, in community life help us harmonize with each other and make a joyous noise to you. Amen

**Dec 4th**— Holy Spirit, help us to trust your slow and steady work in us and in others. Amen

**Dec 5th**— Help us to trust and delight in the unique gifts, graces, and callings you have given each of us. Amen

**Dec 6th**—In this time of busyness, O Lord, draw our attention to the little things and the helpers in our lives. Amen

**Dec 7th** - Your promises are trustworthy and true, O God. Give us hope and trust to sustain us in the waiting. Amen

**Dec 8th**— When the way is frightening or unclear, O God, remind me of your presence on the path of life. Amen

**Dec 9th**— Turn us from relying on ourselves to the expanse of your grace, O Lord. Through Christ we pray. Amen

**Dec 10th**— Lord, give us eager longing and strength for the journey as we look for you to draw near. Amen

**Dec 11th**—Thank you, God, for sending messengers and signs of your love each day. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Dec 12th**—Loving Lord, hold our doubts and encourage us to be honest and hopeful as we wait. Amen

**Dec 13th** —Teach me joy and peace in you, O Lord even when I'm falling, or falling apart. Amen.

**Dec 14th**—Our hearts bear scars. We place them in your scarred hands, dear Lord, to bring new life. Amen

**Dec 15th**— Give us hearts to see your present in the mundane as "God with us"—always. Thank be to God! Amen

**Dec 16th**—Come to our lonely places, Lord Jesus. Warm our hearts in the joy of your presence. Amen

**Dec 17th**— Draw me into yourself, Lord Jesus, that I may know the joy of being one with you. Amen

**Dec 18th**—Open our hearts, O Emmanuel, that we may recognize all the ways you come to us. Amen.

**Dec 19th** Blessed are you, O Lord, for in Jesus you keep your promise to bless the world. Amen

**Dec 20th**—Breathe the sweet air of freedom into my soul, Lord Jesus, that I may share the love you are. Amen.

**Dec 21st**—Lighten our darkness, O Lord, we pray. Save us from the shadows that shroud our hearts. Amen

**Dec 22nd**—Awaken my heart, O Lord, that I may sing your praise and share the joy of your love. Amen.

**Dec 23rd**—Awaken your humble love within us, Lord Jesus, that your glory may shine in our lives. Amen.

**Dec 24th**—Carry my heart to your manger, blessed Jesus. That you may heal and make me whole. Amen

**Dec 25th**—Feed our hearts with the light of your presence, Lord Jesus, for this is the birthday of life. Amen

**Dec 26th**—Expand my heart, Lord Jesus, that I may bless and forgive those who trouble me. Amen.

**Dec 27th**— Draw me to your side, Jesus, that I may rest in you. Amen

**Dec 28th**— Lord Jesus, open my eyes to see and my heart to love those the world injures and ignores. Amen

**Dec 29th**— Keep coming, Lord Jesus. Come where we hurt. Come where we are afraid. Come bring your Joy. Amen

**Dec 30th** - Speak in our darkness, Lord Jesus, and light our way home into the Love you are. Amen

**Dec 31st** - Lord Jesus, grant me eyes to see and a heart to love you in every face I meet. Amen



## Daily Devotions



<b>Dec 1st</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
<b>Dec 3rd</b>	Roman 15:4-13
<b>Dec 4th</b>	Matthew 3:1-12
<b>Dec 5th</b>	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
<b>Dec 6th</b>	Isaiah 41:14-20
<b>Dec 7th</b>	Genesis 15:1-18
<b>Dec 8th</b>	Isaiah 35:1-10
<b>Dec 9th</b>	Psalms 146:5-10
<b>Dec 10th</b>	James 5:7-10
<b>Dec 11th</b>	Matthew 11:2-11
<b>Dec 12th</b>	Psalms 42
<b>Dec 13th</b>	Jude 17-25
<b>Dec 14th</b>	Zechariah 8:1-17
<b>Dec 15th</b>	Isaiah 7:10-16
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
<b>Dec 17th</b>	Romans 1:1-7
<b>Dec 18th</b>	Matthew 11:18-25
<b>Dec 19th</b>	Genesis 17:15-22
<b>Dec 20th</b>	Galatians 4:21—5:1
<b>Dec 21st</b>	Isaiah 92-7
<b>Dec 22nd</b>	Psalms 96
<b>Dec 23rd</b>	Titus 2:11-14
<b>Dec 24th</b>	Luke 2:1-20
<b>Dec 25th</b>	John 1:1-14
<b>Dec 26th</b>	Matthew 23:34-39
<b>Dec 27th</b>	John 21:20-25
<b>Dec 28th</b>	Matthew 2:13-18
<b>Dec 29th</b>	Isaiah 52:7-10
<b>Dec 30th</b>	Hebrews 1:1-4
<b>Dec 31st</b>	Matthew 25:31-46



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>All is calm, All is bright.</i></p>				<p><b>1</b> Gavin Schildgen's birthday <b>Advent Prayer</b> <b>Service 6:30</b> <b>Trinity Chapel</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Bridget Newcomer's birthday</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b> Worship &amp; Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 <b>Community Christmas</b> <b>Trinity 6:30</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Robert Oncken's birthday</p>	<p><b>6</b> Gary and Carol Sibley's anniversary Josh Nye's birthday</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> <b>DEC. 7TH</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Lori Anderson's birthday <b>Advent Prayer</b> <b>Service 6:30</b> <b>Trinity Chapel</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Colton Simpson's birthday</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b> Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p><b>12</b> Becky Anderson's birthday John Byvick's birthday</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Advent Prayer</b> <b>Service 6:30</b> <b>Trinity Chapel</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b> Worship &amp; Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 <b>Voices of Praise</b> <b>Emmanuel Reform Church</b> <b>Morrison 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Elizabeth Wolf's birthday Tyler Miller's birthday</p>	<p><b>21</b> Amanda Smith's birthday Shane Harris's birthday Sydney Barkley's birthday Will Schmidt's birthday</p>	<p><b>22</b> Marty Dorgan's birthday</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Bill Borth's birthday  <b>Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b> <b>DECEMBER 24 · 6:00 P.M.</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> <i>Merry Christmas</i>  <i>Jesus is The Reason for The Season</i> <b>Joint service at Trinity 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Collin Eubanks's birthday Kevin and Becky Anderson's anniversary</p>	<p><b>27</b> Brandon Eye's birthday</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> Donald and Anke Janssen's anniversary Greg Kruse and Pastor Susan Davenport's anniversary Keasha Kelley's birthday</p>

**Merry Christmas**  
**Happy New Year**

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# December

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***“Grace is given to heal the spiritually sick, not to decorate spiritual heroes.”***

- Martin Luther

(Note: this is the THIRD in a series of seven on Martin Luther’s “7 Marks of the Church”)

The Third Mark of the Church says Luther, is **Holy Communion**, “a public sign and a precious, holy possession left behind by Christ by which his people are sanctified so that they also exercise themselves in faith and openly confess that they are Christian, just as they do with the word and with baptism.”

Jesus celebrated the Last Supper (and instituted Holy Communion) with his friends on the night one of them betrayed him. Further, his closest disciple denied him and the others deserted him. We might ask ourselves how we participate in this same betrayal, denial and desertion of Jesus? What does it mean that God gave and continues to give us this precious gift in this midst of these things?

Martin Luther says about these things that Holy Communion is “a food of souls, which nourishes and strengthens the new person. For by Baptism we are first born anew; but (as we said before) there still remains, besides, the old vicious nature of flesh and blood in [all of us], and there are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and of the world that we often become weary and faint, and sometimes also stumble.

Luther also reminds us that as Jesus told his disciples “as often as you do this [receive Communion] intends that we ought to do it often [receive Communion].”

Baptism is a “once and for all” Sacrament, but Communion is the Sacrament that is received “often,” over and over for the “forgiveness of sins” and for the healing of our hearts and minds, both personal and communal. Together, with sisters and brothers, we are made new and brought anew into the body of Christ by Holy Communion and participation in the grace and mercy of our Lord.

As we enter another new year, let us be mindful that Christ continues making all things new!

Peace,

Pastor Susan