

Children's Christmas Worship

Divine Service, Setting 1

December 10th, 2023

10:15

Prelude

+ A Family Tree of Royalty +

Hymn ~ *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vv.1 & 3)

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.
Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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Invocation

- Leader:** All are welcomed in this House of the living God: to sing of God's name and to be refreshed by God's goodness;
- People:** **And none are turned away.**
- Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People:** **Amen.**
- Leader:** Hear the sound of angels declaring, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people."
- People:** **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!**
- Leader:** Hear the announcement of God's promise delivered: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
- People:** **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!**
- Leader:** Hear the song of angels and humanity together praising God:
- People:** **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those upon whom God's favor rests."**

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Heavenly Father, tune our hearts and open our eyes to receive the message proclaimed by children whom send to bring us the joyous message of Jesus' birth. Give us new insight into the Christmas story, and inspire us to worship with awe and great joy.

People: Amen.

Meditation

Ella Ruhland

Part 1: Amazing Grace That Opens Eyes

Hymn ~ *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (vv. 1 & 2)

LSB 341

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the
2 Arighteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot
King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing
is humil-ity, His kingly crown is holi-
near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and sal-
ness, His scepter, pity in distress. The end of
vation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

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Part 2: Amazing Grace That Crushes Fear

Hymn ~ *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vv. 1 & 4)

LSB 361

1 O little town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
4 O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem, De-scend to us, we pray;
A-bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si-lent stars go by;
Cast out our sin, and en-ter in, Be born in us to-day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
O come to us, a - bid with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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Part 3: Amazing Grace That Protects

Hymn ~ *The People That in Darkness Sat* (vv. 1 & 3)

LSB 412

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

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Part 4: Amazing Grace That Secures Hope

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 nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Part 5: Amazing Grace That Gives Eternal Life

Hymn ~ *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (vv. 1 & 4)

LSB 336

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,
 Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;
 Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,
 Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Part 6: Amazing Grace That Tunes Our Voices

Hymn ~ *Joy to the World* (vv. 1 & 2)

LSB 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Offering

Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at <https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving>.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souldard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

Welcome to Trinity!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attendee, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect...

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+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ;

to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right... ..evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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.

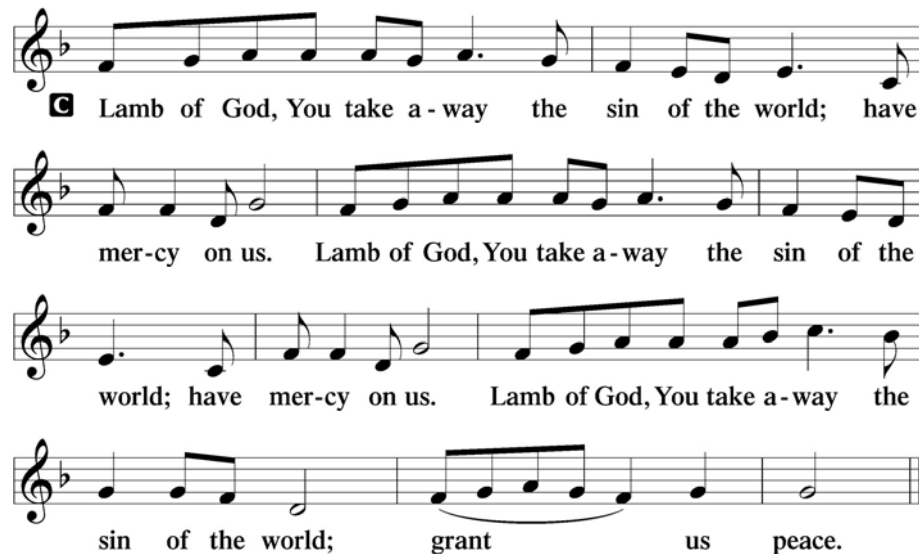
Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God



□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

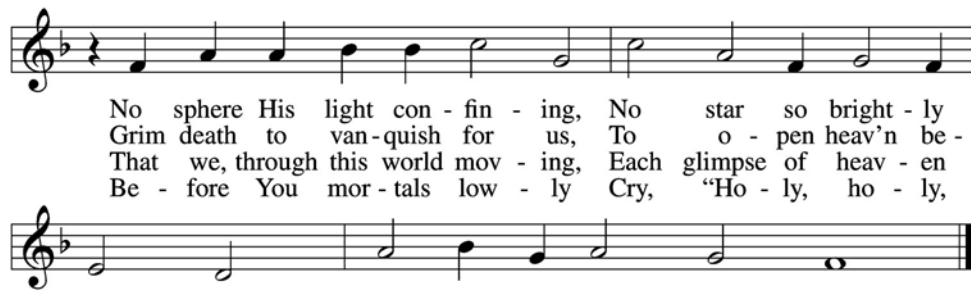
Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ The Only Son From Heaven

LSB 402



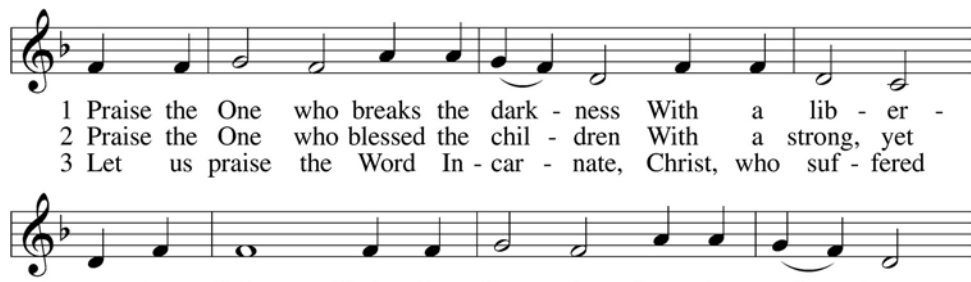
1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost
By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un-shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 Grim death to van- quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Hymn ~ Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
 at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
 Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
 Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
 storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Farewell & Godspeed

DCE Andrea Roettger

Prayer

Leader: Thank you, Lord, for sending these children, your precious messengers, to bring your Word to us today. May we respond in praise and thanksgiving to your amazing grace in a manger: our Savior Jesus, as we spread this good news wherever we go.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Leader: May Jesus, God's amazing grace in a manger, open our eyes, crush our fear, protect our coming and going, instill in us the hope of eternal life, and tune our voices to sing his praise this Christmas and forever.

People: Amen.

Hymn ~ Away in a Manger / Amazing Grace

LSB 364 & 744

Sung by Children

v. 1 *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Sung by Congregation

**v. 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

Sung by Children

v. 2 *The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky.
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

Sung by Congregation

**v. 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

Sung by Children

v. 3 *Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.*

Worship Leaders



Assisting in Worship Today

Meditation: *Ella Ruhland*

Lectors: *Kellan Hink,*

August Hatcher,

Lincoln Dionne

Archangels: *Clarie Houck,*

Allynah Moll,

Meara Hink,

Tori Hrebec

Mary: *Madison Carroll*

Joseph: *Micah Hatcher*

Magi: *Shaun Craig-Meyer,*

Shay Craig-Meyer,

Grant Ruhland

Angels: *Rory Moehlmann,*

Madeleine Hatcher,

Adalyn Moll,

Alyvia Moll,

Tess Armstrong,

Aubrey Carroll,

Emily Moehlmann

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Logan Dionne,

Quincy Johnson

Barnyard: *Heidi Herring,*

Sariyah Jett,

Cecelia Schultz,

Owen Williams

Presider: *Josh Hatcher*

Organist: *Jeff White*

Communion Prep: *Kay Weber*

Communion Servers: *Marti Fruend,*

Tom Kellermann

Greeter: *Joyce Binder*

Ushers: *Dan Leifield,*

Rosalie Wilke

Livestream: *John Carroll*

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December 9 & 10 2023

TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
We pray that your time with us today is uplifting
and encouraging as we follow Jesus together as
God's people.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here
to help you connect both with Christ Jesus and
with our ministry. If we can be of help to you in
any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Worship Services - Saturday 5:00 - Sunday 8:15 & 10:15

SATURDAY

Children's Christmas Worship rehearsal 11:00 a.m. (sanctuary)

SUNDAY

Children's Christmas Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (sanctuary)

MONDAY - SATURDAY

Soup Window 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Women group wrap Christmas gifts for Humboldt
10:00 a.m. Parish House 3rd flr.

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr.

Advent Worship Services 12:15 & 5:30 p.m. sanctuary

Trinity Handbells 6:00 p.m. sanctuary balcony

Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. sanctuary balcony

Sunday

SONday School 9:15 a.m. Parish House, 1st flr.

Annual Voter's Meeting (2024 Budget) 9:15 a.m. sanctuary

Gateway Ringers, 4:00 p.m. sanctuary

CONGREGATION

DCE Andrea Roettger keeps call to Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park Kansas - DCE Andrea has accepted the Divine Call to serve as Director of Christian Education at Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City.) Her last weekend at Trinity will be December 9 & 10th. Please keep her in your prayers as she transitions to Bethany in the next several weeks.

Trinity Year End Financial Appeal

We're so thankful for your generosity this year! Your prayerful gifts have made it possible for us to begin renovation on our school building soon.

2023 has been a challenging financial year in many ways, including high inflation and a difficult investment marketplace. As a result, we're looking at a current shortfall for the year of over \$128,000.

We want you to know we're cutting expenses where we can, and prayerfully doing our best to be good stewards of God's gifts. We are not going broke, we have some backup reserves, but using them can be a slippery slope and those funds are not endless.

So, we're asking if you are able, to prayerfully consider an additional year-end gift to support Trinity's ministry, as a response to the gifts God has entrusted to you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	2023 YTD	2023 Budget	Variance	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Member Contributions	\$511,860.	\$621,775.	\$(109,915).	\$556,361.	\$505,770
Community Care	9,146.	39,371.	(30,225).	19,526.	38,894.
TOTAL INCOME	\$521,006.	\$661,146.	\$(140,140).	\$575,887.	\$544,664

As of November 30th, church income is below budget by \$140,140 and is 10.2% and 8.4% lower than income for the comparable periods ending November 2022 and 2021, respectively. The current period net operating loss is \$100,071, slightly better than October.

Upcoming Congregational Voter's meetings:

- Regular Voter's Meeting – Sunday, December 17, 2023 – re: 2024 Budget

Panhandling - Please DO NOT give money, food or other items to any unhoused neighbors who might ask when you are at Trinity. Panhandling will not be tolerated on Trinity's campus, if someone needs food, please tell them "Soup Alley is open Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30" or "It's Trinity's policy not to give things out on Sundays"

Altar Flowers - Altar flowers can be and are more than mere ornaments. They are the expression of our love for God as well as a means of glorifying his name in all the earth. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular Sunday to mark a special life event such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation; the memory of a loved one; or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings, call or email the church office (314-231-4092 x2, or office@trinitystlouis.com). You can also reserve a Sunday online on Church Community Builder, for more information check Trinity ENews.

Ministry of the Month: Martin Luther once said: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through music." This is what the Choirs and Musicians of Trinity strive to do through our singing, ringing, and playing of instruments. Even the hymns we sing every week are vehicles for prayer, praise, and even Christian education. Participation in the Choir only requires a heart willing to dedicate the time to learn the music in weekly rehearsals from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Musical experience is helpful, but not required, to ring in the handbell choir, and anyone who is able to play an instrument is invited to use that talent to God's glory by letting Jeff White know of your interest. Both the Choir and Handbells meet on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary. Let us know if you would like to be part of providing your gift to proclaim and praise.

Advent Devotionals - Advent devotionals are now available to be picked up in the back of the sanctuary.
For Youth & Young Adults - *Tune In to Christmas*
For Adults - *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*

STUDENT MINISTRY

Children's Christmas Worship Service - The Children's Christmas Worship Service is Sunday, December 10 at 10:15 a.m.

SONday School - For children 3 years to 5th grade, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st flr., opens with music led by elementary school music teachers Katy Moll and Rebecca Carroll. No SONday School December 10, 24 & 31.

Youth Confirmation Class - On break until January 9, 2024.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Adult Bible Study - On break until December 31.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - Wrap Christmas presents for Humboldt, Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. Parish House, 3rd floor meeting room.

Wednesday Bible Study - 10:45 a.m. Bible class this week, Parish House, 3rd flr.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Gateway Ringers - The Gateway Ringers will be performing a Christmas concert at Trinity on December 17 at 4:00 p.m. The group is an auditioned handbell ensemble, ringing six octaves of bells and seven octaves of chimes. There is no cost to attend, and an optional free-will offering will be taken to benefit the group. Trinity's Minister of Music, Jeff White, has rung with this group since 1999 and there may be a surprise premier of a special version of "We Three Kings." See Jeff if you would like more information.

COMMUNITY CARE

Neighborhood: Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning Elementary School

Gift tags for Humboldt toy drive will be available NOW! Please select a tag to purchase a \$20-25 gift for a kiddo. For ideas or to purchase a gift on Amazon, please click this link <https://a.co/isAgV7K>. **Please bring gifts this weekend! Gifts will be delivered December 15 before winter break.**

Community:

40 Loaves of Turkey sandwiches were made last weekend for Sammie Sunday. Thank you!

Soup Alley Food - 1,239 meals served at Soup Alley for the month of November. Daily average of 50 meals
Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Saturday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

Items to donate:

- Prepared lunchmeat & PBJ sandwiches
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- **At this time, Soup Alley is in desperate need of large and X Large t-shirts, hoodies, and underwear.**
- **Winter gear**

If you are able to bring any of these items to Trinity for distribution, please schedule your drop-off through the church office by emailing office@trinitystlouis.com. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm by appointment.

New Community Care Donation Bins: Please place your Saturday/Sunday donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room." This will help us inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

Thrivent Action Team Grant: As the end of the year approaches make sure you apply for your Thrivent Action Team Grants, if you are a member of Thrivent. There is a step-by-step guide available to assist you in applying for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant. Just email Kim at kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com for a copy and/or ideas for a project to fund. For more information go to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

Grant Ideas for Community Care: Christmas Toys for Humboldt, Sammie Sunday, Winter Gear for Soup Alley: Hand warmers, long underwear, hats, waterproof gloves, etc.

GIVING

There are many ways to Give:

Online giving: Check Trinity Weekend ENews for the link or go to <https://trinitystlouis.com/give/>.

In Person: Gifts of cash or check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.

Mail: You can send your gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souland Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

Gifts for your Family: Learning to acknowledge the abundance of God's blessings to us is the beginning step of putting together the gift plan within our overall estate plans. This Christmas when you receive gifts and consider writing thank-yous, try to communicate in those notes that you acknowledge that the gift came from the Lord through the one who gave you the gift. Then consider communicating that depth of blessing in the way you plan your estate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Teresa Nelson at (319)351-6529 or Teresa.Nelson@lfnd.org.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Advent Wednesday Worship 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m., the overall theme is *The Family of Advent*.

December 13 -- Elizabeth: *Who Celebrates the Miracle of Birth*, Luke 1:9-45

December 20 -- John: *Whose Humility Comes with Purpose and Power*, Mark 1:1-8

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship services 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship service, 10:15 a.m.

No worship service on Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday, December 24 at 8:15 a.m.

Regular Sunday Worship Service on December 24 at 10:15 a.m.

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PRAY

Birthdays ~ December 9 - 15

Kim Hansen	December 9
Jim Kohl	December 9
Bob Kraemer	December 9
Raeyln Levin	December 9
Al Becker	December 9
Jim Heine	December 11
Henry Stirnaman	December 11
Gary Robinson	December 12
Roland Hertel	December 13
Samanth Wilson	December 13

Parish Community

Dana & Kim Dann-Messier
Anna & Ian
Dianne Davis
Thomas Dodson & Samantha Deem
Jenny Deem
Clay & Dori Degenhardt
Oliver & Greyson
Dory Dehne
Joshua Dehne
Aaron & Lydia Deterding
Isla & Maria
Doug & Grace Dick

