

DECEMBER 2022

The MESSENGER

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Sundays Bible Study 9:30 A.M Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Advent Service for December 2022

Sunday December 4, 2022 will be our 2nd Sunday in Advent.

"The Son Who Sets Us Free". Isaiah 40:3

On Wednesday, December 7, 2022, we will celebrate the first Wednesday in Advent with an Advent Supper starting at 6:00 pm with Marie Grebel furnishing her award-winning chili. Advent Worship Service will follow at 7:00 pm. Enjoy and bring a friend or family member.

Sunday December 11, 2022 will be our 3rd Sunday in Advent.

"Children of the Day" Luke 1:78b-79

Sunday, December 18, 2022, will be our 4th Sunday in Advent.

"From Captivity to Freedom", Isaiah 11:10-11.

On this day we will have a Voters Assembly to review and approve The 2023 Budget.

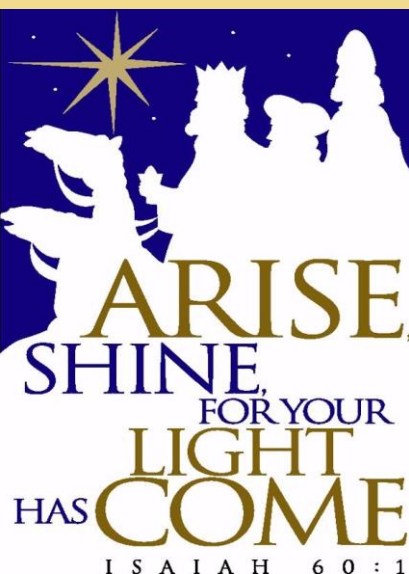
Saturday, December 24, 2022. Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 P.M.

This is candle lighting service and bring your children.

"Children of God" John 1:1-12

Sunday, December 25, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. we will celebrate The Birth of Jesus, "The Son of God, Clothed in Flesh", 1 Timothy 3:16

Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. will be our New Year's Day Worship Service. "Defender of the Poor". Psalm 72:4



ADVENT THEME 2022

This is My Son. Advent and Christmas Family Devotions

Scripture shows us that many sons were believed to be the prophesized Messiah. Yet, each son fell short, just as we fall short of being God's children. The Son of God and son of Man, Jesus Christ, was the only one fit to be our Savior. We will show you our congregation that through Jesus, God's Son, He considers that we are his beloved children, with whom He is well pleased.

Come together with the furnished daily devotion for us as adults and young children as we see "This is My Son", God's Precious Baby Boy. Each night we as families will be able to read the devotions and children's book and the devotional together as we wait in anticipation for Jesus Christ's birth.

Read along with the family in this charming book. It tells the story of Jesus being born to be our Savior and make us children of God. Even though we disobey God and are not the children that we are meant to be, Jesus is the perfect Son who took our place. The Son of God makes you a precious child of God!

Themes from this series are reinforced by the daily devotions and refashioned for us and our children in the Christmas service and illustrated book. During this Advent season, our entire congregation will see how the whole Bible points towards salvation found only in Jesus Christ.

During the Advent season, we prepare our hearts to focus on Jesus being born as a humble human baby. He is both son of Mary and Son of God, the ultimate son of Adam who fulfilled the Law and Prophets. Through Him, we take on our identity as children of God, heirs to heaven and made new in baptism. Explore the theme of sonhood through Jesus, biblical sons, and our identity as the children of the heavenly Father.

November 27, 2022, the first Sunday, begins our Advent Season-as we anticipate Jesus Christ's birth. Pastor Boyd will be our supply pastor as we celebrate the beginning of Advent and Holy Communion. Advent Worship continues with the 2nd Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2022.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Trinity Self Study: The Trinity Self Study was completed and mailed/mailed to the FLA-GA District-LCMS on November 1, 2022. Our thanks to the Transition Team, Simon Abela, Chairman.

Call Committee Nomination: President Rod Bearman, nominated The Call Committee at the Trinity Council meeting on November 8, 2022. The nominations were approved by the Council. Those nominated were: Wesley Pantone, Chair; Amy Bearman, Secretary; Leland Burkart, member; Marie Grebel, member; Anna McCracken, member.

The Call committee is waiting on the call documents from FLA-GA President Rackey. A pastor nomination from a member of Trinity Lutheran Church was sent to the Fla-GA District.

Trustees: Trustees are compiling information for Property 2023 Budget. They will present a Yard Care Contract to be included in the Budget for 2023. We no longer have members who can do the yard work. Consequently, we will need to contract for yard work.

Budget Committee: The budget committee is compiling the 2023 Budget to be presented to the voters at the Voter's Assembly, December 18, 2022. The Financial Secretary estimates the tithing for 2023 will be \$77,000.00. This is a decrease from tithes for 2022.

Prayer Request: Call Virginia Burkart: 229-888-3788.

Donations: The voter's approved a donation from Trinity Lutheran Church Extension Fund Investment of \$3,000.00, for the 4kenyakids to build and furnish a mud hut.

Decorating for Christmas fellowship hall: The Trinity Ladies Group will be decorating the Fellowship Hall on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving November 23, 2022. As always help is needed, contact Anna McCracken at 229-439-2689, for details

Decorating the Church: The Trinity Ladies Fellowship will be decorating the Nave in The Church. The Nativity Scene on Saturday after Thanksgiving November 26 2022. Contact Anna McCracken 229-439-2689 for more information.

November 30 Meeting: Congregational Meeting at 1:00, President Rackey will meet with the members to provide guidance and a list of potential candidates for our "Call Process".

December 11 Ladies Christmas Party: All ladies are invited 1:00. Bring a gift to exchange. Hosted by Marie Grebel please RSVP 229-357-1302 by December 7th.

Tuesday December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. is our monthly Council Meeting.

NEEDS

Non-perishable food for our monthly food drive. Please bring a non-perishable item and place it in the baskets located in the Narthex.

Flower Chart: Members to purchase flowers for placement in the Chancel, in honor or memory of a loved one.

Eternal Flame (Sanctuary Lamp): Member to sponsor the Eternal Flame monthly in memory of a loved one.

Servers to: Assist as: Ushers/Greeters; Lectors; IPAD Operators; Music-Sound Operators; Altar Guild; Worship Leaders; Yard Work help; Hospitality Group.

Assistant Treasurer: To assist the Treasurer in financial responsibilities

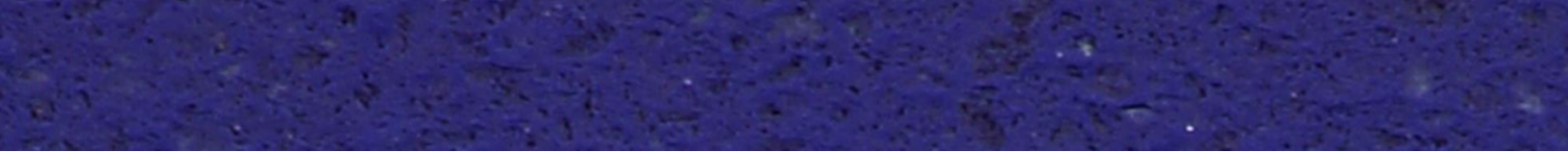
Worship Bulletin Preparation: Assist in preparation of bulletins and worship documents.

Congratulations: November 20,2022, Natalie and Thomas Abela, and Dwayne Tiff participated in their First Communion.

New Members: November 27, 2022. Dwayne Tiff and Ed Walton were received as new members.

During this time, when we are working the process of Calling a Pastor, please, be in pray for our Church officials, the entire congregation, the Call Committee members, and the potential future candidates.

It is with a humble heart that I thank you for the privilege and honor of working on The Messenger (our little newsletter). My hope is that you enjoy the information provided. Any information you would like to have presented please notify me. Your imperfect editor, Jackie.



This page is for your notes.

December 2022

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

27 9:30-10:00am - Sunday School 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship Service 11:30am - 12:30pm Coffee/ Fellowship 12:30pm - 1:30pm Catechism Class	28	29	30 9:30am - 12:00pm Sunshine Circle 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	1	2	3
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<u>Baptismal Dates for December</u>		<u>Birthdays for December</u>	
1	Heather Grebel Edwards	1	Rev. John Dede
1	Emily Hoffman	4	Dolly Satherig Krupavavam
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4	Lea Ann Burkart	8	John Troeger
8	John Troeger		
13	Rev. John Dede		
24	Grayson Logan		
27	Monte Wilson		

Mama's Alphabet

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue in thanksgiving

Do not begin to blame

Even when the times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life with His love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all things

Love imparts to thee

Move out of "Camp Complaining"

No weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do along

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

Start every day with worship

To "Thank" is a Command

Until we see Him coming

Victorious in the sky

We'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

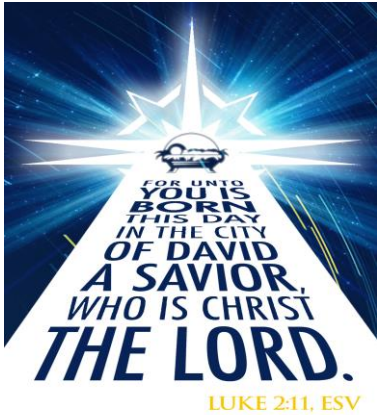
Yes, there'll be good times and yes, some will be bad, but...

Zion waits in glory... where none are ever sad!

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What We Believe, Teach & Confess

With the historic, universal Christian Church, we believe in one God, Who makes Himself known and works all thing through His Son Jesus, Christ; and in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, as confessed by the ancient Church in her creeds: namely, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian Creeds. We believe that all Scripture is given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that God is therefore the true Author of every word of Scripture – meaning it is without error.

As you prepare for The Lord's Supper, please ask yourself. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's mercy and grace in Jesus Christ? Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior? Do I believe that in this bred and wine, the very body and blood of Christ are truly present for the forgiveness of my sins and strengthening of my faith? Do I promise with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn away from my sin and live my life by faith in Jesus?

If you can answer "yes" to all these questions you are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. Red wine is offered in individual cups.

The Church Calendar is organized according to Sundays and seasons, feasts and festivals, and commemorations. The Sundays and Seasons are Christmas/Epiphany, Lent/Easter, and Pentecost, followed by the Time of the Church. These seasons are marked by certain liturgical colors, with the five basic colors being white, red, green, violet or purple and black. Upon entering the nave – often called the 'sanctuary'- these colors are an instant reminder of where we are in the Church Year.

If you would like more information about our church, please speak with an Elder: Lynn McCracken, Mike Grebel, or John Daughety. May God richly bless your worship with us.