





Sunday, December 18, 2022

Advent 4

**Theme of the Day:**

*Come Lord Jesus – As Immanuel!*

*Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text*

*Preservice Music*

*Julia Lisanti*

**349 A Great and Mighty Wonder**

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*Please stand.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession**

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Glory Be to God

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



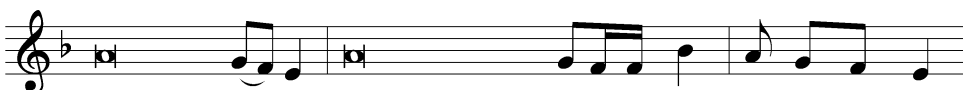
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



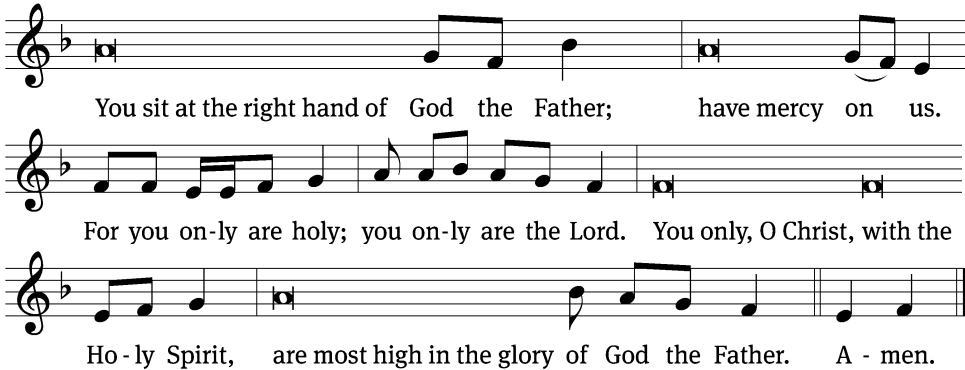
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### First Reading

**Isaiah 7:10-14**

*The Lord promised that deliverance would come through the gift of Immanuel. And how would we recognize him? He would be born of a virgin.*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 74A Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Psalm 74A- sung responsively

### Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

P: O God, why have you rejected us for- / ever?

Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your / pasture?

**C: Remember the nation you purchased / long ago,**

**the people of your inheritance, whom you redeemed—Mount Zion, / where you dwelt.**

P: Turn your steps toward these everlasting / ruins,

all this destruction the enemy has brought on the sanctu- / ary.

### Refrain

P: But God is my King from / long ago;

he brings salvation / on the earth.

**C: It was you who set all the boundaries / of the earth;**

**you made both summer and / winter.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

### Refrain

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## Second Reading

**Romans 1:1-17**

*After thousands of years of God's promises, St. Paul sees them all fulfilled in Christ. Jesus is Immanuel, true God and true man.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God —  
<sup>2</sup>the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup>regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup>and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>5</sup>Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Isaiah 7:14

Alleluia.

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel.

Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*In faith, Joseph accepted that within the womb of his bride-to-be was Immanuel-the very Son of God, the promised Savior from sin.*

<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## **327 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

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### **Sermon Theme: Immanuel is here!**

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

1. He did not send us away.
2. He is with us always.

*Please stand.*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

P: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical and emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Offering**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION**



**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

**Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!**

## The Sacrament

*Please stand.*

### **Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

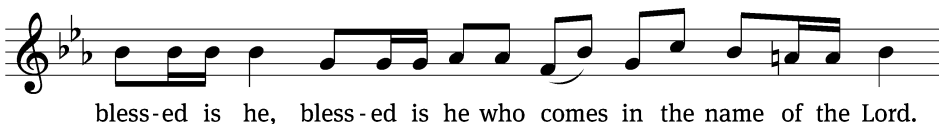
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

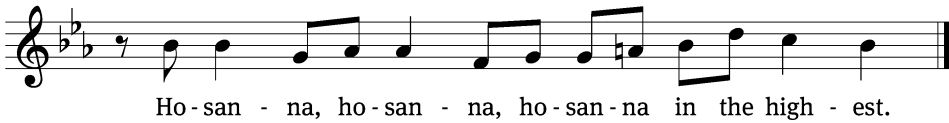
**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*CW 167*





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

**C: Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



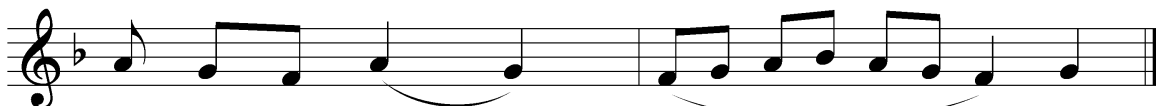
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution

### 496 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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### 629 O God from God, O Light from Light

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*Please stand.*

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **313 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

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*“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

*Matthew 1:21*

## *Holy Communion:*

The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We are eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. For preparation before you communion, you could read about the Sacrament of Holy Communion from Luther's Small Catechism on page 293, or you could review the Christian Questions that Martin Luther wrote for those who were about to communion on page 295.

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## *Announcements:*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** today is courtesy of Julia Lisanti. Thank you, Julia, for sharing your God given talent with us today!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS, PARTY!** Come celebrate Jesus' birthday at the next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, December 19 or Tuesday, December 20. Bring your children/grandchildren to hear the story of Jesus' birth, stack presents, make a Christmas star ornament, have pretend birthday cake, and use play dough with cookie cutters. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Narthex until 12.18.2022. After that date, they will be in the south entrance area, Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419.306.0127 or email [cdinniger@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdinniger@roadrunner.com).

**OPEN GYM:** Looking for a volunteer or volunteers to supervise open gym at the school on Sunday afternoons. Hours would be according to the Volunteer's availability. Please contact the school office at [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org) if you are interested in helping out.

**THE MONTHLY FLOWER** sign-up sheet for the 2023 year is on the bulletin board in the basement. If you want to share your creative side and help to beautify the church, please choose a month. Don't want to commit to a whole month? Ask a friend to share with you! There are several months left unfilled. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Burkholder.

**THE TLS COOKBOOK** committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. In addition to being a cookbook, this will also be a 75th anniversary "history book" that honors the rich tradition of our wonderful school and the many people who have contributed to its continued success. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at [mrsnowak1@gmail.com](mailto:mrsnowak1@gmail.com). If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir will practice December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. to run through the Christmas Day song. We will be singing right after the bells. There will be NO Choir Practice December 28<sup>th</sup> OR during the month of January, due to a Leadership Conference for our director, and the Annual Voters Meeting January 25. Practice will resume February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**SHARPEN YOUR GAMING SKILLS!** For Family Game Night on January 15<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from 3-7:00pm. Supper will be served at 5:00. Please bring your favorite games.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** is happening again this year at Trinity on January 21st, 6:30pm. We'll have the home court advantage as we win the championship . All card players are encouraged to sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Go Team!

**STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE:** We still have Trinity t-shirts available for sale for \$10 each. The proceeds from these sales go toward the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip in the spring. Get yours today! Contact the school office if you are interested. Can't beat 10 bucks for a t-shirt.

## **CALL RESPONSE**

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran in Jenera:

I am writing to inform you I have received the call the Holy Spirit has led your congregation to extend me. I look forward to gaining an understanding of the duties and responsibilities that are included in this call. I will give this call, and the one I currently hold to St. Paul's, prayerful and careful consideration. I would ask that you keep my wife and I in your prayers, so that a God-pleasing decision may be reached. I will be keeping in touch with you, and I will inform you of my decision in a reasonable time. I welcome anyone from the congregation with input and insights to contact me as well. My contact information is at the bottom of this letter. God's people have the goal of spreading Christ's love to as many hearts and souls as possible. I pray that whichever decision is reached, Trinity and St. Paul's ministry will continue to blossom and grow.

In Christ, Garrett M. Buch

Contact information: ● Phone: (920)-973-0910 ● Email: [gbuch@stpaulslutheran.school](mailto:gbuch@stpaulslutheran.school)

*Prayer for before Communion:*

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

*Prayers for after Communion:*

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

*Or*

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow. Amen.

*Prayers Before Worship*

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in you gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.

*Or*

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter- we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent our sins, believe in Jesus and grow day by day in grace and holiness.

*After Worship*

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you.

*Or*

Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise may continue to glorify you in the world; that the ears which have heard you speak may be open always to your Word and closed to hatred and discord; that the tongues which have confessed your name may always speak the truth without fear; that all of us who have worshiped together today may be united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of December 11, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 428; Early: 106; Late: 129; Adult Bible Study: 29; Teen Bible Class: 8; Sunday School: 35; Midweek 193; Preschool Playtime: 9. On-line worship service views for December 4 were 43.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through December 31 are the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 1, will be the members of Jonathon Beach's Undershepherd group.

## GREETERS

today are:

Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service  
Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

Christmas Sunday:

John & Janet Weihrauch

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (December 4 through December 11)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20.

**Mon** Mornings with Mommy 9:30, Newsletter Articles due, Church council 7:00.

**TUES** Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

**WED** Choir Practice 7:00.

**FRI** Christmas Eve Children's Service 1:00.

**SAT** Christmas Eve Children's Service 7:00.

**SUN** **Worship 9:30AM:** Christmas Day Communion.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Mon** Faculty Meeting 3:30.

**TUE** Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball practice 5:00-7:00pm.

**WED** Chapel 8:20.

**FRI** Christmas Eve Children's Service 1:00.

**SAT** Christmas Eve Children's Service 7:00.

**SUN** **Worship 9:30AM:** Christmas Day Communion.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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