



BIRTHDAYS

2 – Angela Miller
 3 – Rev. Rob Ricard
 Collin Arndt
 4 – Jenna Ricard
 Lane Haller
 5 – Deb Akers
 Kacie Eisentrager
 7 – Cheryl Barrick
 9 – Jeff Dellinger
 12 – Taryn Barz
 13 – Lillie Ammerman
 14 – Renee Hansen
 16 – Jim Moats
 17 – Matt Abbas
 Janet Behn
 18 – Alan Fink
 19 – Robert Heilskov
 Adele Heilskov
 22 – Mavis Claypool
 23 – Jay Brower
 25 – Daisy Bentratt
 Heather Cox
 28 – Chris Birdsell
 30 – Janelle Fink
 31 – Alan Brown
 Titus Baumann



ANNIVERSARIES

3 – Jay & Linda Brower
 20 – Don & Ruth Kloetzer

GOD'S
 BLESSINGS ON
 YOUR
 ANNIVERSARY!



USHERS

Jim Showalter, Chr Jason Fink
 Jacob Showalter Matt Showalter

GREETERS

Jay & Kari Behn
 Kevin & Stephanie Behn
 Mary Hadley

ACOLYTES

3 – Lane Haller
 10 – Colin Harr
 13 (Wed Advent) – Slade Pigman
 17 - Henry Subbert
 20 (Wed Advent) – Cooper Hansen
 24 (9:00 AM) – An Usher
 24 (Christmas Eve 6pm) – Noel Hansen
 25 (Christmas 9am) – An Usher
 31 (9:00 AM) – Lukas Showalter
 31 (New Year's Eve 7pm) – Lane Haller

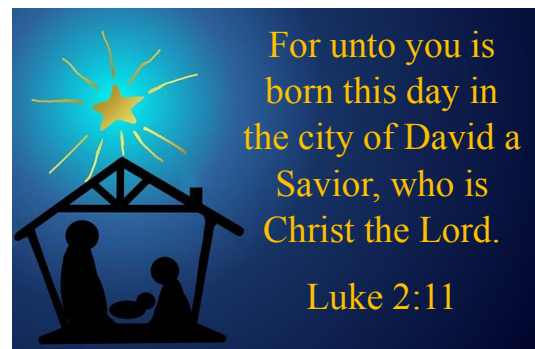
SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesday Advent Services
 7:00 PM on December 13th, and 20th

Christmas Eve Services
 9:00 AM Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
 6:00 PM Candlelight Service

Christmas Day
 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve
 9:00 AM Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
 7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion



SUNDAY SERVICES THIS MONTH...

This year, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Sunday. On Christmas Eve, at our 9:00 AM service we will celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent and then we will have one Christmas Eve service at 6:00 PM.

On New Year's Eve we will have our usual 9:00 AM service but will also have a 7:00 PM service with Holy Communion celebrated.

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNION



If you are unable to make Sunday morning worship and wish to receive small group or individual communion, please call the church office. This is being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs service.



Wednesday, December 6th at
12:00 PM

Devotion/Bible Study:
Renee Hansen

This month we will enjoy a Christmas dinner! All ladies are invited!

Please join us for choir this month! We are meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM for choir practice. We will be singing on Sunday, December 17th. All voices are welcome 😊!



The 2024 Lutheran Hour and Trinity's Worship Broadcast Sponsor Sheets and the Sunday morning cookie/coffee sheets are out on the Narthex table. Please sign up for your special Sunday. Thank you!

In Jesus' birth, God came down to earth for us. In What Child Is This? we see how Jesus, foretold by the prophets and confirmed by God as His own Beloved Son, is the Father's ancient promise fulfilled. Born to save us from our sins, this lowly Child triumphed over sin and death to become our Savior.



Taken from www.lhm.org

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. We will once again be airing the Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent devotions each day around 7:20 AM on KLMJ, 104.9. Please listen!

Copies of these Advent devotions will be available on the table by the church office. You can also receive these Advent devotions via e-mail by going to www.lhm.org and signing up to receive daily devotions.

Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries can help keep your faith conversations going. Read, listen, e-mail, or print at lhm.org/advent.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND VISITS...



- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Mavis Claypool, Jennie Dellinger, Bob Heilskov, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen
- *Franklin General Assisted Living:
Merlin Behn, Dixie Schmitt
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton:
Daisy Bentrrott
- *Hubbard Care Center:
Mildred Pingel
- *Our members at home who may not be able to come to church.

FROM VICAR SHEPARD...

Dear Saints at Trinity,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! We continue our series looking at the liturgy by now looking at the Gloria in Excelsis. The Gloria in Excelsis (Trans. Glory in the highest.), or Greater Gloria, is a canticle which is included in one form or another in each setting of the Divine Service. The origins of the Greater

Gloria are a little unclear, but it seems to have its beginning as a hymn. The Greater Gloria, like other early hymns, resembled the Psalms more than they did the metrical, rhythmical, hymns we have today. This type of hymn is referred to as psalmi idiotici. Other examples of psalmi idiotici include the Te Deum in Matins and the Phos Hilaron in the Evening Prayer. The Greater Gloria first appeared in the late 4th century in a Greek liturgy. Early liturgical manuscripts show that it was originally part of the Eastern Orthodox daily orders (Matins, Vespers, etc.). It began to be used in the Western Roman Church in the early 6th century for feast days, Easter, and other special occasions.

In Luther's reforms of the Mass (his Deutsche Messe) the Greater Gloria was unincorporated. This, however, was probably due to the fact that it came out during the season of Advent; a time when the Greater Gloria is normally excluded anyway. This gap was then filled by other doxological hymns. The Greater Gloria was brought back by one Thomas Cranmer in his First Prayer Book of 1549. The Gloria which we have retained in setting three comes to us from the 1660 edition of Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer. The Gloria which appears in settings one and two are modern revisions of that Gloria. The purpose of the Gloria is twofold. First, it allows us to sing the praises of our Lord. Second, it serves as a reminder of what he has done for us and for what reason we are praising Him. We sing glory to God the Father Almighty. Glory to the Son who takes away the sin of the world, who sits at the right hand of the Father, the one who has had mercy upon us. Glory to God the Spirit, who with the Father and the Son are God most Holy.

May God Bless you and keep you and blessed Adventide to you all!

Vicar Shepard

A CHRISTMAS CAROL QUIZ

1. Franz Gruber composed the tune to "Silent Night", yet:
 - _____ he didn't think much of it because it was so simple and hastily done.
 - _____ he never received credit in print for it until after his death.
 - _____ he later produced a version of it scored for a full orchestra.
 - _____ he also composed 90 other compositions, one of which is still performed today.
2. No one knows the composer of the English carol, "The First Noel." The word "Noel" is from:
 - _____ "nadal," from the Latin "natalis," or "birthday."
 - _____ the French "nouvelle," or "new."
 - _____ either of the above might be right; no one knows for sure.
3. Among the oldest of the Christmas carol texts (words) is:
 - _____ "A Great and Mighty Wonder," St. Germanus, 7th century.
 - _____ "From East to West," Coelius Sedulius, 5th century.
 - _____ "Jingle Belles," St. Claus, 8th century.
 - _____ "Of the Father's Love Begotten," Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 4th century.
 - _____ "Savior of the Nations, Come," St. Ambrose 4th century.
4. Carols sometimes contain historical or Scriptural inaccuracies. Underline the parts of these verses that are incorrect:

"The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay... They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far."

"We three kings of orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star."

"Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, gold we bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign."

Taken from an article in The Lutheran Witness by John P. Juedes, Dec 1995.

1. All of the responses are true.
 2. Either may be accurate.
 3. All except "Jingle Belles." Two of the others have been sung for more than 1,600 years!
 4. The Gospels do not mention the shepherds seeing the star (though they may have).
- The Magi were not kings; they were advisors and educators. There was more than one Wise Man, but the Gospels do not specify how many came to see Jesus.
- Bethlehem is in a hilly area, not on a plain.

FOR THE KIDS OR KID AT HEART ☺

Advent 1: The *HOPE or PROPHECY* candle

Advent 2: The *BETHLEHEM OR PEACE* candle

Advent 3: The *SHEPHERD OR JOY* candle

Advent 4: The *ANGEL OR LOVE* candle

Christmas: The *CHRIST* candle

Read the Bible passages found on each candle. Then color the Prophecy, Bethlehem, and the Angel candles blue, the color of hope and anticipation. Color the Shepherd candle rose (dark pink), the color of joy. Leave the Christ candle white to symbolize that Jesus was without sin and was the perfect and only one who could pay the price for our sins as our Savior. Color the palm branches that surround the candles green, the color of life.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU!

