

**Bell Ringers Needed:** There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Trinity's very own day of bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Our day is this coming Wednesday, December 7. Sign up early to get "your pick" of time slots. You can sign up individually, with a friend or as a family. Please also jot down a phone number for a reminder call.

**Drop-N-Shop!** Hey Mom and Dad, do you need more time this holiday season? The Board of Christian Education is hosting a "Drop-N-Shop" from **5:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9th!** Parents are welcome to drop off their children, ages 2 and up. We will be enjoying pizza and fun activities while you get some shopping done! A minimum donation of \$5.00 (per family) is requested to cover the cost of food. Any additional money will be used for the family we adopted through the Salvation Army.

**FISH Tree for Teens: Note the early deadline of Dec. 8** for the Fish tree. New, unwrapped gifts should be placed at the back entry tree. Gift cards & donations to FISH go to church office.

**Poinsettias are now on sale.** You may purchase them before and after worship in the narthex. The price is \$14.00 for red or white; payment is expected with the order. Help us decorate our sanctuary for the holiday season

**Committee chairs please note:** Annual reports are due in the church office on December 11! No exceptions! Thank you for your cooperation.

**The next Lunch & Learn** will be held on December 11 following worship. Come and enjoy Market Path, a Fair Trade organization located in Highland Square, as they set up a holiday market for us to finish up that shopping!

**CONCERT SERIES:** The final concert of 2011 will be, **SING JOY!**, presented by Daniel Doty, Tenor. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 in Trinity's sanctuary.

**Christmas Dinner Concert:** This coming Friday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. a concert will be held at Grace Lutheran Church. "God is With Us" by Tom Fettke will be presented by the Gallery Choir "and Friends". Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available at the Grace Lutheran Church office. For menu and other info, please see the flyer on the back ramp bulletin board.



## *Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship*

December 4, 2011

10:30 A.M.

\* Those who are able are invited to stand "Black" New Century Hymnal (NCH)  
"Red" Evangelical & Reformed Hymnal (E & R)

Please wear your nametag in worship.

Please fill-out the pew register (including children!) and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row pass it back and note the names of those who are sharing your pew so that you might greet them after worship.

Please note prayer requests on the cards found in your pew and pass to the center aisle during the first hymn.

A nursery is available during worship for ages 0-2. We also have a beginners' room for ages 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade). Please contact an usher for directions if necessary.

### *We Enter*

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Heimbach

CHORAL INTROIT

PRELUDE

“”

*“Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for god.”*  
(Psalm 85.13)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

RJ Nagy

L: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me

C: **And the Lord whom we seek will suddenly come among us.**

L: But who can endure the day of God's coming, and who can stand when the mighty one appears?

C: **For God will refine and purify the land and the people. Then the offering of our worship and our lives will be pleasing to God. Let us worship God!**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“People Look East”*

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

\* OPENING PRAYER

**Advent God, you call on us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth and yet – each year it seems that we spend more time making preparations for our own pleasure rather than preparing for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and lives – in our families, our communities, our nation, our world. Forgive us for getting so involved in partying, buying gifts, ordering food, writing cards, that we have no energy left to celebrate the reason for such activity – the birth of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\* THE GLORIA 756 NCH  
*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: In Isaiah 11.9, the prophet declares, they will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea.

We light this candle as a sign of hope that truth will prevail, and justice be done, for all people.

As we pray and work for truth, compassion, and justice, near and far -

**C: Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

Hymn 116, v.2 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

*We Hear the Word*

PSALTER p. 676 NCH

*We Lift Our Praise and Prayer*

ANTHEM “”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

L: Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await God's justice.

*(Brief silence)*

Raise up in your church leaders who will be heralds of good tidings and shepherds who will feed your flock with good things. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Congregational Prayer Response (throughout)

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior we pray:

C: **Our Father, God, to you we pray Most holy be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done On earth -- in heav'n the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be; Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom; blest it be In grateful love we bow; and Yours the pow'r; o God, we see Your mighty presence now.**

**The glory Yours' Your praise be sung by angel host and Men in ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue forevermore! Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE 125 NCH  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION 121 NCH  
*“All Earth is Waiting”, vvs. 1-3*

*We Hear the Lesson of the Day*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L: Make us to know your ways, O Lord;

C: **teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.**

\* THE LESSON Malachi 3.1-4 pew Bible, p. 874

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of

the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;<sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.<sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Liturgist: The Word of God for all people.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Preparing the Way” Rev. Doty

*We Respond*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “”

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE 780 NCH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, we offer these gifts, this time of worship, and the service of our lives in the hope that they will be pleasing to you. We pray also that they may produce a harvest of righteousness, sincerity and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*We Go Forth*

\*CLOSING HYMN 120 NCH

*“There's a Voice in the Wilderness”*

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“I Love You with the Love of the Lord”  
(Please join hands as we sing)  
Oh, I love you with the love of the Lord.  
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.  
I can see in you the glory of my King,  
and I love you with the love of the Lord.*

\* POSTLUDE “”

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today **Sunday School**, 9:15 a.m.  
**Worship**, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Second Sunday Advent.  
**Happy Birthday Jesus Party**, during worship.

Monday **Advent Lunch & Workshop**, following worship.  
**Staff Meeting**, 9:00 a.m. in the Blue Room.  
**AA**, 7:30 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday **Wee Twos**, 9:30 a.m. in the Beginners Room.  
**Trustees**, 6:15 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.  
**CE Board**, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Church & Ministry**, 7:00 p.m. in the Blue Room.  
**Koinonia**, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Wednesday **Mission Board**, 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.  
**Trinity Bell Ringing for Salvation Army**, Buehler's.  
**Knitwits**, 10:00 a.m. in the Library.  
**Stampin' Up Group**, 6:00 p.m.

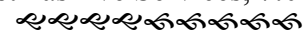
Thursday **Quilters**, 7:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.  
**Wee Twos**, 9:30 a.m. in the Beginners Room.  
**Bell Choir Practice**, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
**Trinity Choir Practice**, 7:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.  
**AA**, 8:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Friday **Drop-n-Shop**, 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!**  
**LINK DEADLINE!**  
**Sunday School**, 9:15 a.m.  
**Worship**, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Third Sunday of Advent.  
**Lunch & Learn**, after worship in the Fellowship Hall.  
**All-Church Caroling**, 4:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 18 - Concert Series, Dan Doty, soloist, Crèche Walk  
December 18 – Spaghetti Supper, following concert.  
December 24 – Christmas Eve Services, 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.



Thank you to:

**Bob Heimbach**, member of Church & Ministry for bringing the announcements.  
**RJ Nagy**, our liturgist today.  
, our head usher for December.  
, today's acolytes.  
**The Klika family**, our greeters this morning.  
**Melanie McIntyre**, our beginner's volunteer today and **Cathy Park**, our nursery volunteer today.



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