

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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## From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Preparing for a discussion last month, I spent time with an article by the brilliant historian of Christianity Robert Louis Wilken. The whole article is worth reading — consider this, from the last paragraph: “The greatest gift [the church] can give our society is a glimpse, however fleeting, of another city. ... If someone who wanders in as we pray does not feel uncomfortable, something is terribly wrong” — but one of its most arresting aspects is simply the title: “With Angels and Archangels.”

Wilken observes that the major Christian liturgies, drawing on scripture, make an astounding claim: “When we come before God to offer our praise and adoration, we do so in the company of angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven.” He quotes the great hymn known as the Te Deum, but he could just as easily have used the words that we of Holy Trinity hear before singing “Holy, holy, holy” every Saturday and Sunday: “With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn....”

In our discussion, I asked something akin to: “What if this is really true?,” and the looks I got were as much as to say: “Of course it’s true! How could you doubt it?” But if it *is* true — if angels are not figments of our religious fantasizing, not our hyperactive readiness to find intelligence behind every rock and tree, but are, instead, invisibly present as our worshipping elder cousins and companions — then many of our secular habits of thinking and acting are in trouble.

Angels, perhaps surprisingly, are *not* behind every rock and tree in the Bible. They appear in the story relatively sparingly. But when they do appear, something incalculable and unpredictable is happening. For example: “Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ... He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:31–33). (This, naturally, is why it seems appropriate to bring up angels as we move into the season of Advent!)

## December, 2023

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### **Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee  
Pastor

### **Staff**

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,  
Office Administrator

### **Worship Services**

Saturday at 5 p.m.  
Sunday at 9 a.m.  
(Sunday Church School  
at 10:30 a.m.)

### **Holy Communion**

Saturday evening, Sunday morning  
& Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material  
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 a.m.  
the 15th of each month*

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# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Mission Statement*

We proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
worshiping,  
making disciples  
and serving in his name.



## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

## From the Pastor

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One of the most remarkable features of Biblical angels is the energy they give to drawing attention *away* from themselves. The seraphim of Isaiah 6, the warrior Michael of Daniel, the heavenly host of Luke 2, the annunciators of Revelation who repeatedly tell John, "Don't worship me!": all are finite, dependent creatures; but their focus, by words and actions, is consistently outside and other than their own individual benefit. Their entire being, one might say, is in serving and exalting God. (Those who are interested only in themselves are called no longer angels, but demons.)

And that is why, as Wilken says, "the church has always known that when the people of God lift their voices to worship, they join a hymn that was going on before they opened their mouths and continues after the last echoes of their songs have given way to silence." The basic, natural, fulfilling "place" for angels is in worship — and in this they are leading the way and displaying the destiny of the rest of creation, including us humans.

We are not, of course, in the image of angels; we are being conformed to the image of Christ. But the angels, our cousins, clarify what that image means and where it's headed: the eternal worship of the triune God in the city not built by human hands, in the kingdom without end.

With Advent hope,  
Pastor Maurice



**THE KING IS COMING!**

JOIN US IN WORSHIPING HIM

EVERY SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DEC. 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 9 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24 at 7:30 PM



# Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



## Women's Prayer Group

Holy Trinity's Women's Prayer Group meets once a month at Rosemary Hinkle's room over her garage.

All women are invited to join us  
Contact Rosemary at  
[rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

### Remaining 2023 Schedule December 11

“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”  
Acts 1:14

## Prayer List

One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer. Please pray for the following:

**Please pray for the following individuals & their families:** (we cannot add last names or initials) The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Adam, Alexis, Alan, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Anna, Antonette, April, Arthur, Ashley, Audrey, Barb, Ben, Beth, Billie, Bob, Brian, Bruce, Caliq, Carly, Carol, Cathy, Charles, Christopher, Cindy, Clarence, Cody, Colin, Colleen, Dallas, Dan, Dave, David, Deana, Derek, Diane, Dolores, Don, Donna, Dottie, Doug, Dr. Martin, Ed, Edie, Ekaterina, Elena, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Festo, Frank, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, Gene, George, Gilbert, Gloria, Greg, Greg Jr., Hannah, Henry, Ian, Igor, Ilze, lolanta, Ivan, Jason, Jeff, Jennifer, Jenny, Jerry, Jesse, Jessica, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joanne, John, Julia, Julie, Karena, Karen, Kate, Katie, Katherine, Kathy, Kelly, Kim, Kristine, Kristopher, Larry, Laura, Leonida, Leslee, Levi, Lillian, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Luke, Maggie, Mandy, Margo, Margot, Marlene, Maryjane, Matthew, Megan, Micah, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mikhail, Mya, Nancy, Nikki, Ozzie, Paul, Paula, Phil, Prisca, Rachel, Randy, Raymond, Renée, Rex, Rhonda, Rick, Rob, Robin, Roger, Roman, Rudi, Ruth, Ryan, Sage, Sam, Sandra, Shannon, Sharon, Shaun, Shem, Sofia, Solomon, Sophia, Stephanie, Stephen, Steve, Stuart, Thomas, Todd, Tom, Troy, Trudy, Tyler, Steve, Valentina, Vicki, Walter, Wanda, Wayne, Willow, Zack.

**Please pray for the following families:** Ambrose, Barnes, Bertsch, Berzins, Bradley, Britton, Casale, Concepcion, Custer, Darreff, Dobbins, Drew, Eisenmann, Ganther, Gregg, Hamilton, Hamlin, Harris, Hendrickson, Hinkle, Honnold, Huebner, Huddleston, Hurst, Ischinger, Klass, Koch, Lacy, LaGrossa, Lee, Lewis, Lockhart, Lynch, Maieron, Matteo, McCandless, Meade, Minges, Neavil, Niver, Novak, Panzo, Powell, Puhl, Robinson, Schauder, Schenck, Singley, Staedtler, Steinhofner, Sterner, Tavella, Tolton, Trickel, Twesme, Weiss, Werner, Witwer, Wright, Zbinden.

### **Please pray for the following petitions:**

- That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
- That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
- For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
- For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
- For the sick and the grieving.
- For all congregations of the NALC.
- For all travelers and for the dying.
- For the military and their families.
- The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
- All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
- For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
- For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
- For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
- For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
- For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.
- For those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.
- For the people of Ukraine.
- For peace in the world and shootings to stop in our cities.
- For a peaceful political atmosphere.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE  
ON YOUTUBE (THEHTLCONLINE)  
OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET  
JOIN US AT 9 AM.  
★ THE 7:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

## Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2023 (For the Year 2023)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 293,398.08	\$ 55,691.96
<b>Carry over from 2022</b>	(\$7,077.02)	\$ 42,122.25
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 314,555.92	\$ 61,362.20
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2023</b>	(\$ 28,234.86)	\$ 36,452.01

### LUTHER QUOTES:

"The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is, a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth."

"This is what is meant by 'Thy king cometh.' You do not seek him, but he seeks you. You do not find him, he finds you."

"Through the Gospel this light is brought to us, not from a distance, nor do we need to go far to obtain it; it is very near us and shines in our hearts."

"The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid."

## Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ [alanhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:alanhinkle@comcast.net)

### Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl  
Michael Boerner  
Connor Gowton  
Shaun Hall  
Eric Henderson  
C.J. Hess  
Nathan Quinlan  
Jamie Riley  
Vikas Shah  
Jonathan Skilton, MD  
Jeremy Zar

Please remember your Church in your will.

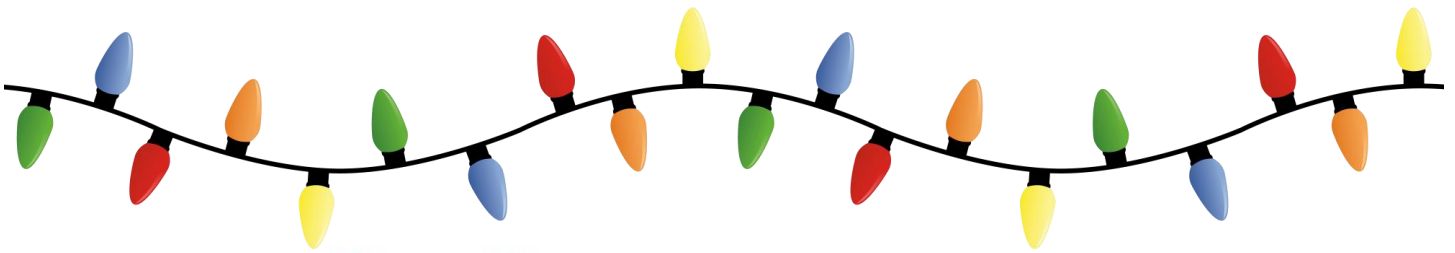
## NOTES OF THANKS



Hi Everyone,

We pray everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Thank you so much for the blood drive on Friday! 23 people skipped a day of shopping to come out on Black Friday. We ended the day collecting 23 units of blood! These donations were able to potentially help 69 people. Awesome for the day after Thanksgiving. The Red Cross workers express their gratitude for Holy Trinity not only hosting the Blood Drive but also for always providing yummy food in a lovely setting!

~The Red Cross and our Social Ministry Team



**WE DID IT**  
**THANKS TO YOU!**

The results are in and we are so grateful for the outpouring of support! Not only were we able to secure our anonymous donor's generous gift but in total **we raised \$2,245** for our turkey drive enabling us to **purchase 90 turkeys** for the **107 guests** we served in the last three weeks.

The Craft Fair/Bake Sale was a big hit with a total of **\$1,736 raised!** Endless thanks to our crafters and bakers for their time, talents and energy! And to all those who came out to buy the marvelous crafts and tasty baked goods!

We are humbled and thankful for your continuing support and prayers.

~ Your Bread of Heaven Committee



# *Christmas Caroling*

## *Come Caroling!*

to our shut-ins & their communities  
on **Sundays in December (3,10, \*17)**

After the Sunday school hour pick up a bag lunch  
in the kitchen, hymn folders for sing-along, directions  
(to carpool) and bring your voice & festive dress!

\*17 is at 3:30 p.m. meet in church kitchen at 3 p.m.

**Friendly Gingerbread House  
building Competition, Dec. 17**  
during the Sunday school hour.



\*on December 24 we will gather for  
Cookies & Carols in Fellowship Hall \*



“Prayer belongs to the church and indeed is the chief bastion of the church” (Melanchthon). Sing to God’s glory, meditate on God’s word, and intercede for God’s people with Holy Trinity.

## ADVENT MORNING PRAYER



Matins services,  
**every weekday morning  
in December**  
(including December 25),

9:30-10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

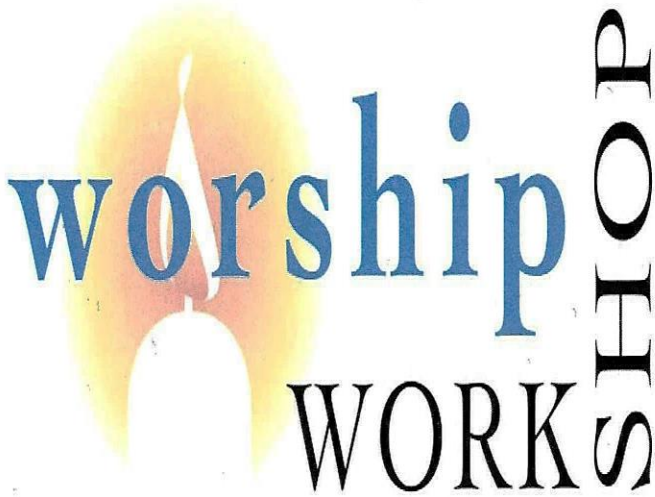
## ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Vespers services, **Wednesdays in Advent**  
(December 6, 13, and 20), 6:00-6:30 p.m.  
in the sanctuary (prayer) and 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
in fellowship hall (dinner).

There will be a **Worship Workshop**  
on **December 20** following dinner.



# The Extraordinary Ordinary!



Continuing the series of sessions delving into our theology and practice of worship at Holy Trinity.

We discuss the common or “ordinary” parts of our Eucharistic liturgical order as an integrated, dramatic, formative unity.

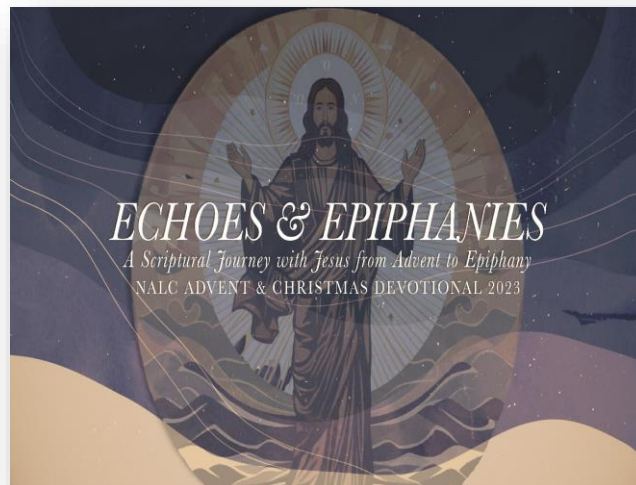
**The final session for the year is scheduled for Wednesday,**

**December 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** with Vespers and moving to a simple dinner and discussion.

Optional reading: James K. A. Smith,  
*Desiring the Kingdom* (Baker, 2009).  
I will give a copy to anyone who asks.



The NALC Advent & Christmas Devotional can be downloaded here:  
[thenalc.org/advent-christmas-devotional-2023/](https://thenalc.org/advent-christmas-devotional-2023/)







\*We have a new resource for poinsettias this year!\*  
Along with your choice of three beautiful colors  
and prices that match 2019 costs! Thanks be to God!

## Poinsettia Order Form

**Deadline: Next Sunday, December 10, 2023**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Red Poinsettias (6 1/2" plant) @\$10.00 per plant

\$\_\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettias (6 1/2" plant) @\$10.00 per plant

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Pink Poinsettias (6 1/2" plant) @\$10.00 per plant

\*Plants **must** be taken home  
after the evening service on Christmas Eve.\*

Dedicate or memorialize as follows:

**To the glory of God and**

(with thanks for the life of ... / with gratitude for ... /)

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Your Name:

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Enclose your order with payment, checks payable to  
Holy Trinity and place in the offering plate.

We packed between **240 and 245 shoeboxes** at our church Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 11. We are now asking you to consider helping us defray the suggested shipping cost of **\$10/box** (not the actual cost as Samaritan's Purse absorbs the remainder).



Please place whatever you feel led to give in an envelope and mark it "**OCC Shipping.**" You may place it in the offering or leave it in the office. Thank YOU!

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## Help Give a Child a Merry Christmas!

Holy Trinity is collecting Christmas gifts for a baby at Christ's Home.

**Please browse the list located in the Narthex and claim any gifts you would like to purchase.**

Notify Karen McGovern of which items you would like to claim so we can avoid duplicates.

She can also send you the link in the spreadsheet.

You can call 267-968-5485 or email at

[karenmpowell@gmail.com](mailto:karenmpowell@gmail.com)



**Please bring all gifts to Holy Trinity by December 10!**

# MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP

*Sponsored by Stephen Ministry of Holy Trinity.*



A weekly support group for those going through a time of grief and loss, whatever stage you may be in.

We invite you to gather in a safe space to talk, share, (or not) and receive care and support.

We meet in the Study at 7:00 p.m.

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Don't forget to worship with your Holy Trinity family on Christmas Eve



# Mark Your CALENDAR



**For the Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 28, 2024  
immediately following worship.**

At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 28, 2024** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting. At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



## To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the office or email to [secretary@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)



**All youth 6th grade +**



**Sunday, December 17 5 - 7 PM**

Join us for trimming the Sanctuary Christmas trees, food & a fun secret Christmas gift exchange game!

Invite your friends ~ the more the merrier!



✦ For the month of November we served **116 guests** with a total of **499 served.** ✦  
With **26 new guests** in the month of November!



***Bread of Heaven* Christmas Meal Collection:  
for Homemade Chili Dinner**

We will be putting together Christmas Bags for our guests at the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry for 3 Thursdays in December.



**Donations needed for these items:**

**Diced Tomatoes, Kidney Beans, Corn bread mix, potatoes au gratin, Chili Seasoning packets, canned diced tomatoes with chilies, and money to purchase ground beef and peppers.**

*Thanks be to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit which inspires Holy Trinity's faithful disciples to provide so generously to those in need!*



***The Bread of Heaven*** Food Pantry would like to show a small taste of kindness and the wonder of Christmas to our guests by giving out homemade cookies. Precisely, we need **2,400 cookies.**

This large undertaking can be achieved with your help.

Please donate any kind of homemade cookies  
(please no peanut butter or nuts)

We will be collecting cookies **each Sunday of Advent.**

\*If you have any unused Christmas Cards that you would like to provide with your cookie donation along with a Christmas message that would be greatly appreciated!

# Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



## December Topic Mary of Nazareth

*"For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." (Luke 1:49)*

When faced with what would have seemed an improbable announcement of the role she would play in God's plan, Mary responded with a long confession of his power and character. As we delve into Mary's story, think about how she understood the magnitude of the angel Gabriel's message. Mary's song is a hymn that proclaims how God is working to fulfill his promises. In this season of expectation, this month's lesson will encourage us to witness what God is doing in and through our lives. It is also a season of hope for those who patiently wait on the promises of God.

## ★ DECEMBER CIRCLES ★

**Eve Circle** - Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the SS Peter and Andrew Study.

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 [suetolton@comcast.net](mailto:suetolton@comcast.net)

**Hannah Circle** - Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. in Bread of Heaven Café.

Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 [Debssam@msn.com](mailto:Debssam@msn.com)

**Ruth Circle** - Sunday, December 10 at 11:45 a.m. at the home of Vicki Coleman

2073 Parkview Ave., Abington

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6864 [kbeyer0403@gmail.com](mailto:kbeyer0403@gmail.com)

**Miriam Circle** - Monday, December 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the Study and Zoom

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 [sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com)

## A Holy Trinity Women's Member Event Coming in 2024



Keep your calendar handy and look for our upcoming date in the January Echoes.

We are planning another fun event for you and any guests you choose to bring.

**Important:** We will be exchanging  
NICE White Elephants

So save those new but unwanted gifts for a spirited exchange.



Christmas greetings from  
your library staff!

We hope you'll make time to visit

May God bless you at Christmas and always,  
Linda K., Noreen, Sandy, Linda F.

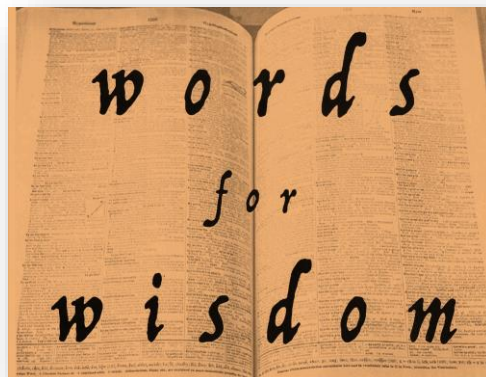


# adult CHRISTIAN education

Sundays at 10:30 AM

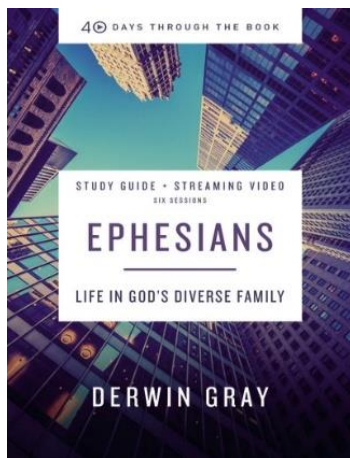
## IN THE STUDY:

Pastor Maurice's Adult SS class  
Strange words. Church history and teaching are littered with them, as if knowing God were all about secret incantations and esoteric codes. (Or maybe the words are strange because our culture is so completely indifferent to knowing God.)



Theological vocabulary — the meanings, stories, connections, and implications of some of those words; not for enlarging heads, but for deepening faith — is the topic of this four-month series with Pastor Maurice, Sundays after worship in the Sts. Peter and Andrew Study. **Beginning today, Sunday, December 3.**

## IN THE FRONT HALF OF FELLOWSHIP HALL:



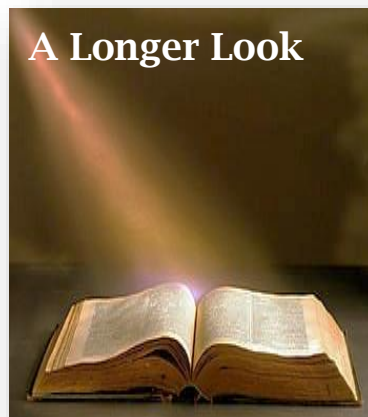
Starting Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>

Tom Schied's Class will be doing a 6 week study on Ephesians in Fellowship Hall. In this six-session study (streaming video included), author pastor Derwin Gray, of Transformation Church, takes the group through Paul's letter to the Ephesians to reveal how the apostle presented the revolutionary idea that Jesus came not only to forgive sins but also to create a unified family out of a diverse people.

## IN THE BACK HALF OF FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Pastor Larry's Adult SS class

Here is an opportunity to dig deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with **A Longer Look at the Lessons**. This Bible Study, based on the Bible Readings in our worship, provides information about the readings and their contexts. The class meets in Fellowship Hall - stage end at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Pastor Guenzel facilitates the discussion. All older teens and adults are welcome!





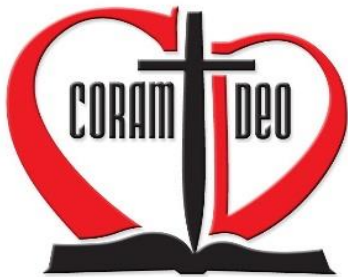
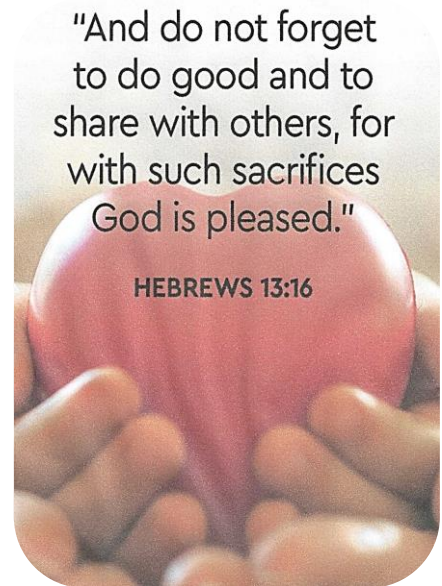
## Sarnelli House Needs ~URGENT

Men's & Women's coats & warm jackets  
Men's jeans esp. waist sizes 32, 34, 36

Women's jeans      Hoodies  
Gloves                Knit caps  
Blankets

**Underwear and socks are always in need.**

Bi-weekly trips are being made to Kensington.  
Leave your donations in the Narthex.



## Coram Deo

Meeting once a month on the 2nd Monday of each month  
in the SS Peter & Andrew Study at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book".

Books we are reading for the monthly gatherings:

**December 11 - *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace*  
by Jeff Hobbs**

January 15 - *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

February 12 - *The Heart is Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers

March 11 - *Foundations of Russian Culture* by Alexander Schmemmann



## Wreaths Across America, Saturday, December 16

Philadelphia National Cemetery  
6909 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia, PA 19138  
Wreaths are arriving at 9 a.m. help is needed  
to unload the truck. Plans are to meet at  
church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the cemetery.

For more info contact Wayne Laudenslager  
(215) 200 - 1706

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

*Happy  
Birthday*

  
**JESUS  
PARTY**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON!**

You're invited to take part in our Nativity Pageant  
and celebrate with us at our  
Happy Birthday Jesus party.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**2 - 3:30 PM HTLC Fellowship Hall**

**Children 4 + up**

**RSVP by 12/17**

**Sign-up sheet in the Narthex  
or email [secretary@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)**



# December Worship Assistants Schedule



## December 3

Usher 3	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Cantor Eric Gregg
Stream Charlie Tolton	Sun Nancy Necker	Acolyte Charlie Tolton
Team Tolton		Crucifer Steph Templeton

## December 10

Usher 4	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Cantor Beth Lee
Stream Rob Ischinger	Sun Charlie Tolton	Acolyte Charlie Tolton
Team Ischinger		Crucifer Nancy Necker

## December 17

Usher 5	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Cantor Ravinia Lee
Stream Frank Ganther	Sun John Bleimaier	Acolyte Scott Brown
Team Ganther		Crucifer Rob Ischinger

## December 24

9 a.m. Usher 1	Lector Sat. Linda Cassady	9 a.m. Acolyte Dave Tolton
7:30 p.m. Usher 5	9 a.m. Stream Gloria Team Ischinger	7:30 p.m. Acolyte Jim Necker
Torchbearers Allan Shikhvarg	7:30 p.m. Stream Hannah Team Mumford	Crucifer Charlie Tolton
Bookbearer Steph Templeton		
9 a.m. Lector - Linda Borkowski	9 a.m. Cantor Tom Schied	
7:30 p.m. Lector - Scott Brown	7:30 p.m. Cantor Dean Lawrence	

## December 31

Usher 2	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Cantor Deb Mumford
Stream Gloria Team Ischinger	Sun Helen Haun	Acolyte Linda Borkowski
		Crucifer Frank Ganther

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list and find a replacement.  
 If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office  
 (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at [secretary@holyltrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*

# DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Join us for Advent Matins Monday through Friday 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. starting December 4</p>					1  7:30 AA	2  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>3 ADVENT 1</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Caroling at Noon  6:00 AA	<b>4</b>  7:00 Grief Support	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  6:00 PM 7:30 Council	<b>7</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings  6:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Eve Circle	<b>8</b>  7:30 AA	<b>9</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>10 ADVENT 2</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle 11:30 Ruth Circle at Vicki Coleman's house Caroling at Noon  6:00 AA	<b>11</b> 12:30 Miriam Circle   7:00 Grief Support 7:00 Women's Prayer Group 7:30 Coram Deo	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>   6:00 PM	<b>14</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings  6:45 Handbell Choir	<b>15</b>  7:30 AA	<b>16</b> 8:30 departure  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>17 ADVENT 3</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Gingerbread house making Caroling at 3:30 5:00 - 7:00 SOT Youth Group  6:00 AA	<b>18</b>  7:00 Grief Support	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Evangelism	<b>20</b>  6:00 PM	<b>21</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings  6:45 Handbell Choir	<b>22</b>  7:30 AA	<b>23</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>24 ADVENT 4</b> 9:00 Holy Communion  SERVICE 7:30 PM	<b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Party 2 PM	<b>28</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings	<b>29</b>  7:30 AA	<b>30</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA

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**SPECIAL DATES:**  
*Advent Matins* - 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. every weekday morning Dec. 4 on  
*Advent Vespers* - 6:00 p.m. December 6, 13 & 20

Merry Christmas



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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Happy New Year