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Alma, Missouri

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Being made alive by God's grace in Word and Sacrament **THE MISSION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL is to reach out with the Gospel, proclaiming, teaching, and equipping God's people for acts of service to all generations.**

**Order of Worship:** Order of Matins, page 219

**Hymns:** 508, 516, 515

**OUR DISCIPLESHIP LAST WEEK:**

Last Sunday: 143

Sunday School: 22

Bible Class: 23

**Offering:** Unified: \$9,290.00

Building & Maintenance: \$447.83

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: \$85.00

Medical Assistance Fund: \$100.00

Weekly Loose: \$30.00

Sunday School & Bible Class: \$17.38

**2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONS** are in the Narthex on the south shelf and Overflow room.

**SHARE THE HARVEST.** Trinity Men's Club would like to remind anyone who wants to donate their deer, they may take it to the Higginsville Processing Plant. For the first 20 deer donated, the processing fee will be paid for by Trinity Men's Club.

**7/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER.** As a fundraiser to help pay for their class trip in the Spring, Trinity's students will be selling Stonie's Sausage sticks and Hemme Brothers Cheese in the Narthex on Sunday, before and after the worship service. It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping with these tasty gift ideas today!

**THE ANGEL TREE.** There are still several angels left on the tree in the Narthex. Each angel ornament lists items (i.e., clothing, books, toys) for several families with children in our church, school and daycare, who are in need. Any Trinity Member who would like to donate items may take angels from the tree, purchase the items, and then return the Angels and items, unwrapped, to the church/school office any time no later than **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This will give ample time for Trinity to distribute the items to the families. If time to shop is an issue and you prefer to donate with cash or a gift card, so that items can be purchased, that is fine too. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Ross (660-641-0051).



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**TRINITY GUILD** will sponsor a canned food, paper products or cash donation drive for the House of Hope in Lexington and the Shepherd's Food Pantry in Waverly. Donations will be received on Sunday, November 24 and Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 27. If a check donation is made, it should be made out to the location you wish to support, either House of Hope or Tri-County Outreach. The cash donations will be divided between the two locations. Thank you for your support of our neighbors and friends who need help.

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS.** It is never too early to think about Christmas shopping. Have you considered using Tiger Scrip gift cards for these occasions? We will be **placing an order tomorrow, Monday November 25**, for delivery December 4<sup>th</sup>. *A new listing (red sheet) of all participating retailers is available in the Narthex and on the table by the overflow room.* Contact the school office at 660-674-2444 to purchase from our inventory or place an order. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity School.

**ALMA COUNTRY CHRISTMAS** will be Sunday, December 1st, from 3-5:00 p.m. There will be food and events for everyone. Activities are at Alma City Hall and Police Station. Santa will be arriving at 3:00 pm at City Hall. Contact Martha Schreiman @660-229-3127 for more information. There is also a **Christmas Lighting contest** that evening for anyone who lives in Alma, and if you live outside of city limits but have an Alma address and would like to participate, also contact Martha Schreiman. Judging will take place from 6:00-8:00 pm. There are cash prizes for the first three places. Check out the flyers on the bulletin boards.

**ADVENT DINNER.** Youth Group will only be serving **one** meal this Advent season, on *Wednesday, December 4th*, the youth will begin serving dinner at 5:30 pm in the church basement. Menu is grilled burgers and hot dogs. Come join us for food & fellowship. Thank you for your continued support.

**GREETERS.** We are still looking for volunteers to be greeters for December 25, Sunday December 29 and NYE December 31. Please contact the Church/School Office, 660-674-2444, if you would like to volunteer.

**SANTA FE AG DEPARTMENT** have poinsettia plants available for \$12 each. Please call or text Martha Schreiman on her cell 660-229-3127 or call the high school 660-674-2236 to order your poinsettias

**POINSETTIA** donations are being accepted to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please leave it in the church basement for the Altar Guild committee. If you donate in memory of someone, please call Holly at the church/school office, 674-2444, with the information by Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**150<sup>th</sup> HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE** is continuing to work on a new chapter in the history book honoring our veterans. If you have not already done so, please consider sharing your military photo along with your rank, years of service, and military branch. Photos and information can be emailed to Amy Lovercamp at [amy.lovercamp@yahoo.com](mailto:amy.lovercamp@yahoo.com) or dropped off at the church/school office.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING.** The Evangelism Committee is going Christmas Caroling again this year on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be leaving from the church at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come join us in singing to our friends in Alma. Wayne Heimsoth will be driving the wagon for us to ride on. Song sheets will be provided, but you might want to bring a flashlight to be able to read them. So, listen for our "truck horn honks" and come out to hear us as we drive up and down the streets caroling. It's a great way to start the Christmas Season.

**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COOKIE FESTIVAL.** Sweet Springs Immanuel Lutheran Church, 110 Main St., invite you to their Cookie Festival on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 8:30 am and close when sold out. There are 19 varieties of homemade cookies, and homemade candies & decorated cookies. Cookies are \$15.00 per box and the candy is \$8.00 per pound. Gloves are provided. Hope to see you there.

**JOIN LWML ON GIVING TUESDAY!** You've probably heard of Black Friday, but have you heard of Giving Tuesday? Giving Tuesday, observed on *the Tuesday following Thanksgiving*, takes the focus off of the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday and instead celebrates giving back. Trinity Guild's goal is to use Giving Tuesday to spread the Gospel message by raising money and awareness for LWML Mission Grants, which share the love of Jesus throughout all nations. Please consider joining LWML members around the world in donating on Giving Tuesday. Go to: [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) to donate. *Thank you fellow missionaries!*

**CHRISTKINDLESMARKT.** Come and visit the 5th annual Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt in Concordia, Missouri. Come the weekend of December 13-14th. The market will be open from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and from 11am to 7pm on Saturday, December 14th. The official opening ceremony, which includes the introduction of the Concordia Christkind, a performance by the Saint Paul Chamber Choir, and German carols performed by the community brass choir, is on Friday at 6pm. The event's closing concert will be on Sunday, December 15th, at 3pm in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. For more information, visit our website at <https://splhs.org/support/christkindlesmarkt/>.

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**Mon.-Fri.:** No School – Thanksgiving Break  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service w/Zion Blackburn  
**Sunday:** 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:30 AM Divine Worship w/Altar Communion

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### TRINITY'S SUNDAY PRAYER LIST

Please use this list (as of 11-22-24) as an opportunity to pray for those in need of your prayers – whether they are ill, injured, preparing for or recovering from surgery!

Sara Bargfrede	Alleen Matthews
Vernita Beumer	Dave Matthews
Barb Blackmore	Ron & Sharon Miesner
Ruth Brunkhorst	Donnelle Moenkhoff
Royce & Ruth Closterman	Erin Morgan
Pastor Perry Copas	Roberta Nienhueser
Jerry Dieckhoff	Roland Nienhueser
Michelle Evans	Marilyn Prange
Kathy Fangman	Norma Ramey
Michael Fricke	Bob Rothermich
Gail Horman	Jenny Schreiman
Herman Kramer	Butch Schuette
Bob Kurth	Dianne Tebbenkamp
Loren Limback	Kerry Wilken
Roger Limback	Dallas Wilsie
Harold & Hazel Lueck	Marti Winter
Pastor Rocco Mallardi	Keven Wrege

### **Introit - *Psalm 2; antiphon: Revelation 22:12***

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me,  
**to repay everyone for what he has done.**

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,**

Against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

**“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”**

He who sits in the heavens laughs;

**the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,

**“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron

**and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

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

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me,  
**to repay everyone for what he has done.**

### Old Testament Reading - *Isaiah 51:4–6*

P A reading from Isaiah, chapter 51.

<sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading - *Jude 20–25*

L A reading from Jude, chapter 1.

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel Reading - *Mark 13:24–37*

P A reading from Mark, chapter 13.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

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