

TRINITY & ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSENGER

**I WILL TELL OF ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS YOU HAVE DONE....AND I WILL SING WITH JOY.
(PSALM 9)**

DATE: 1 DECEMBER 2019

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:1–5, ESV)

COOKIES! Everyone loves cookies. You may have started to bake a whole variety of cookies, and while they are in the oven, the smell is so overpowering that you can hardly wait! Some of you, perhaps, don't wait and just eat the cookie dough. The very first season in the church year is the season of Advent which begins today. In Advent we long for, we hunger for, and we eagerly await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to come even more than your favorite Christmas cookie to come out of the oven.

Advent is a season of preparation and reflection. We look at our own lives and see how we have lived contrary to God's holy Word. We most certainly have not loved God above all things and we certainly have not loved our neighbors... all of our neighbors as we ought to. And so in Advent we repent of our sinful living and we look to The Savior, Jesus Christ. In Him we have life and light. He has scattered the darkness of sin and death unravelling the works of the devil. When He comes again He will restore all things to be as God intended them to be, good and very good. No sin. No broken relationship. No death. No pain. No weeping.

So let us reflect and repent this Advent clinging to Jesus our savior and longing for His return, lest we think like the Gingerbread man, “Fast as fast can be, you'll never catch me!” “*“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.””* (Malachi 4:1–6, ESV)

God's peace to you,
Pastor Herberts

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES: Trinity Lutheran Church will have Advent Worship Services on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning December 4, 2019. Please join us as we worship and prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus, Come.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: Will have Advent Worship Services on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. starting December 4, 2019. Zion will have a Pot Blessing before each Advent Service at 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we worship the coming of Our Savior.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: Zion will hold their annual voters meeting December 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. following the Sunday service. We encourage our church family to attend so their voice can be heard for the direction of leadership and budget for 2020. It is a great opportunity to share concerns and ideas for the strengthening of our church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Please join Zion for their Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend so please bring your friends and family to enjoy the God news of the birth of our Savior through scripture verses taken from Luke Chapter 2.

2019 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Trinity Lutheran Church will have their Christmas party on December 8, 2019 following the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass. We will have good food, fellowship, games and hymns. I pray you will join us!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S SERVICE: The Children's Christmas Service/Program will be on Sunday, December 15, 2019 as part of our normal worship service. Please come as the children tell the good news and birth of our Lord.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: Will have their annual voters meeting following the church service on December 22, 2019. We pray you will attend as we discuss our 2020 budget of the church. The following offices are up for election/re-election:

YOUTH BAKE SALE: Trinity Lutheran Church will have a youth bake sale on December 22, 2019 after the voters meeting. Please come and buy some Christmas treats and support the youth.

Please join Pastor and his family for a Christmas open house at the parsonage on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Trinity Lutheran Church will have their Christmas Eve Service with candle light on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Please join us as we worship the coming of our Savior.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Trinity Lutheran Church will have Christmas day service on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: Will have their Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an uplifting service as we worship the birth of Our Lord.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: Will have Christmas day service on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: Will have New Year's Eve Service on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE: Trinity Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Day Service at 9:30 a.m. Please come join us as we worship our Lord, His circumcision and the name given to Him that was announced by the angels.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER REQUEST: Please continue to pray for Chuck Bethke, Tyler Burke, Judy Alhers, Nellie Kolar, Doug Kolar, Sally Knutson, Norma Martt, Louise Kron, Bev Krizan, Bev Sadoski, Florence Zowistowski, Pastor Schallow, Randy Kolar, and David Johnson.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Amy, Geraldine W. Loraine D., Mary Lou B., and Willis C.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE: December 2019

TRINITY

USHERS

01 Tom Cynor and Ken Winger
08 Chuck Nichols and Larry LaCasse
15 Harold and Ron Johnson
22 Larry and Jordan Lemke
29 Lindy Siemek and Ben Augustine

ELDER

Ben Augustine

GREETERS

01 M/M Larry LaCasse
08 M/M Roger Gierke
15 Marlene Skabroud and Mona Nichols
22 M/M Henry Oelkers
29 M/M Larry LaCasse

ALTAR GUILD

Tammy Nichols and Melodie Nichols

ACOLYTES

01 Noah Oelkers
05 Brady Nichols
08 Oliver Taylor
15 Noah Oelkers
19 Brady Nichols
22 Oliver Taylor
29 Evan Oelkers

CHURCH CLEANING

Mary Scharenbrock

ZION

USHERS

01 Mark Person and Zachary Person
08 Jerry Gallick and Doug Syryczuk
15 Del Kroeplin and Jon Grunseth
22 Roger Johnson and Roger Newman
29 Jason Reis and Aidan Reis

ELDER

Mark Person

GREETERS

01 Del and Karen Kroeplin
08 Del and Karen Kroeplin
15 Del and Karen Kroeplin
22 Del and Karen Kroeplin
29 Del and Karen Kroeplin

ALTAR GUILD

Eileen Monson & Carrie Person

ACOLYTE

01 Scarlett Stunner
08 Paige Daley
15 Raygen Soper
22 Anthony Syryczuk
29 Dawson Grunseth

CHURCH CLEANING

Carrie Person & Eileen Monson

Zion Snow Removal Schedule:

December 1, Roger Johnson & Matt Johnson
December 8, Pat Gunn & Duane Jenson
December 15, Ed Hendzel & Jerry Gallick
December 22, Mark Person & Del Kroeplin
December 29, Allen Siok & Dave Fisher
January 5, Roger Johnson & Matt Johnson

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke
2:11

~ December 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Divine Service Zion 8:30 Children Service 4:00 Trinity 10:15 S.S. & Bible Study 11:30	2	3 Trinity Quilting 1:00	4 Zion Bible Study 10:00 Catechism/PL 3:30. Pot Blessing 5:00 Advent Service 6:00 Council & Elders: Following Service	5 Trinity Bible Study 10:00 Advent Service 12:00 & 6:00 Council: 8:00	6	7 Trinity Decorate Christmas Tree and Sanctuary 10:00
8 Divine Service Zion 8:30 Children Service 4:00 p.m. followed w/fellowship, cookies, punch, and, coffee Trinity 10:15 Christmas Party & Pot Blessing following worship service.	9	10	11 Zion Bible Study 10:00 Catechism/PL 3:30 . Pot Blessing 5:00 Advent Service 6:00	12 Trinity Bible Study 10:00 Advent Service 12:00 & 6:00 Elders: 8:00	13	14 Trinity Make Christmas Cards for Shut-ins 2:30 and Children Christmas Service Practice
15 Divine Service Zion 8:30 Trinity 10:15 Children Service	16	17	18 Zion Bible Study 10:00 Catechism/PL 3:30. Pot Blessing 5:00 Advent Service 6:00	19 Trinity Bible Study 10:00 Advent Service 12:00 & 6:00 Trustees: 7:30 Men's Club 8:00	20	21
22 Divine Service Zion 8:30 Trinity 10:15 Voters Meeting 11:30 followed by Youth Bake Sale. S.S. & Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve Service Zion 6:00 Trinity 8:00	25 Christmas Day Service Zion 8:30 Trinity 10:15	26	27	28
29 Matins Service Zion 8:30 Trinity 10:15 Open House at Pastor Herberts 12:30	30	31 Zion: 6:00 New Year's Eve Service				