

Special Prayers for Today

God, please give me the humility to serve and follow You, just as Mary did; prayers for all of those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays; prayers of celebration for the birth of Charley Harrison Warren on December 11, son of Jason and Charla Warren; prayers for the health concerns of Colleen Armitage, Pat Baker, Jo Barrington, Eugene Beccue (brother of Evie Meyer), Dee Boehm, Mila Beck, Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgeman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Hannah Garvue (daughter of Kimberly Garvue), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Ed and Patricia Hunter (parents of Stephanie Poorman), Jim Klug (father of Zack and Jake Klug), Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Kevin Moore (brother of Pam Sausaman), Evie Meyer, Barry Nass, Paul Ogan (father of Brian Ogan), Sheavie Reagan, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), Aaron Shipman, Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Joyce Thome, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for the family of Todd Faulkner Sr., who passed away recently; prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; prayers for those suffering in Taylorville from the tornado damage; Amen.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day by the Fliege family in thankfulness to God for all His goodness and many blessings.

At Worship Last Week

Saturday: 179 Sunday: 143, 163 Advent: 329 814
Adult Studies: 131 Sunday School: 51..... 182
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:\$26,711.96
December 2018 Automatic Contributions\$7,820.00

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am-10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the Trinity School Parish Center.

Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: Today in Sunday School children studied "The Birth of John." Zechariah spoke God's Word announcing that this baby, John, would give people knowledge of salvation in the forgiveness of sins. God speaks through His Holy Word to give knowledge of salvation and forgiveness through Jesus, His Son. In your family discuss, "How does Jesus remind us of the work He has done for us?"

Sunday Morning High School Bible Class: *What's YOUR Worldview*, taught by Cindy Good in the church library.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes:

- Lutheranism 101: *The Lord's Supper*, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: *Think on These*, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room.
- *Burning Questions*, taught by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

**Childcare is available for Adult Bible Study.*

"Answering The Call Of God"

Rev. Hemenway

Luke 1:26-38

Mary is a great example of what it means to be a _____ of God.

How did Mary respond when given the task by God? By _____ it!

She was also very _____.

Martin Luther wrote about Mary, "A good deal of pride lurks behind the outward show of humility we see in the world today. Yet Mary never gave any thought to her own glory or honor, she wasn't even aware of her own humility."

God continues to seek people who have an attitude of service like _____.

- Why? Because He wants them to do His _____.

We need to ask ourselves: What is God asking _____ to do for Him? Will I _____ like Mary did?

Mary had some wonderful qualities. She was: _____.

- She knew her _____.
- She was _____.
- She was _____ and a _____ but she knew where she was going to get her power from.

Favored means she was receiving the _____ of God.

- It is _____ language that is being used.
- Grace is found in and through _____ not Mary.
- Everything in the Christmas story has to do with the _____ of God shown to the world, including the woman in our text.

That's how we find favor with God, by receiving His _____.

- Nowhere is His grace given to us in a greater way than in the _____.
- The baby who came to bring _____ and _____ to the world by paying for its sins on the cross.
- Receive His grace and make _____ happy!

Mary didn't find favor with God because of something she _____. She was blessed because she _____ God to send the Christ to save her from her sins.



Worship Services:

Sermon

"Answering The Call Of God"

Rev. Paul Hemenway

Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center

Holy Communion

Liturgy 203

Hymns: 386, 359 (st. 1-3), 358, 380

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church

Liturgy 203

Hymns: 386, 359 (st. 1-3), 380

Adult Choir:

Let Our Gladness Have No End

LSB 381

10:30am-Church

Holy Communion

Liturgy 203

Hymns: 386 (st. 1, 2), 359 (st. 1-3),

358, 380

Adult Choir:

Let Our Gladness Have No End

LSB 381

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading: Micah 5:2-5a (p. 779)

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7 (p. 491)

Epistle: Heb. 10:5-10 (p. 1006)

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (p. 856)
(46-56)

Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants

Saturday

Ted Haberman

Sunday

Brian Ogan, Steve Rossman,
Andy Wiesenhofer

Ushers

Saturday

Wayne Harshaw, Rick Nance,
Carl Schultz

Sunday 8am

Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday,
Bill Miller, Barry Nass

Sunday 10:30am

Paul Hartman, Bryan Knoles,
Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger,
Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Musicians

Saturday

Amy Reed

Sunday

Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

Saturday

Donna Harshaw, Sonya Cohn

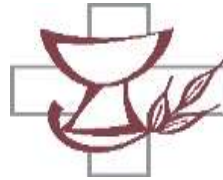
Sunday

Carol Ponder, Betty Shaw



A Warm Welcome to our Visitors and Members!

- We would like to know who our visitors are, so either before or after the service, please sign the Visitor Register in the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary.
- Personal Assistive Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties, too. God bless you!



Our Practice in Participating in the Lord's Supper

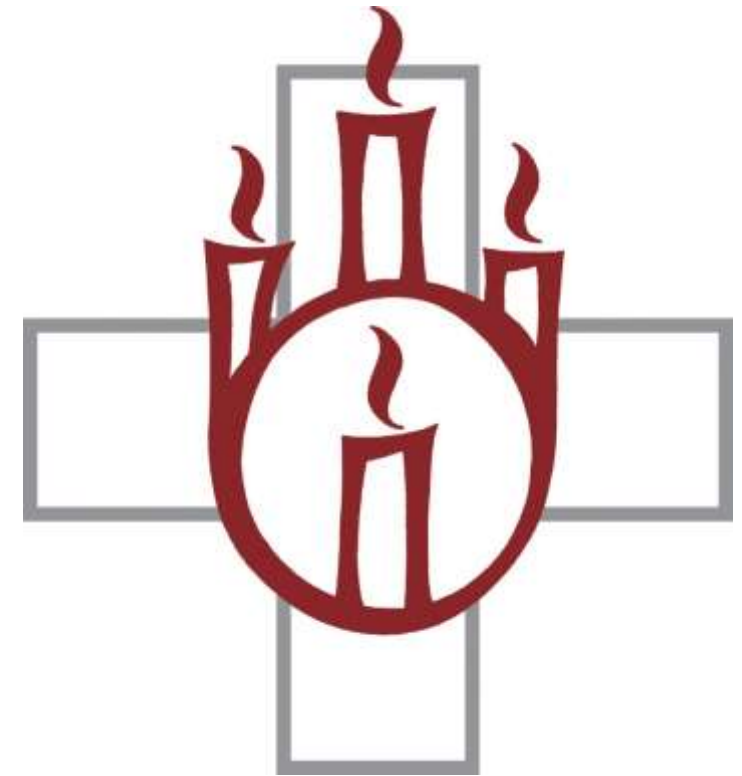
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through this blessing, we are also strengthened to live in faithfulness to Christ, lead more Godly lives and have a deeper love for one another. Those communing are publicly professing that they believe these things to be true and are also giving witness that they are in agreement with the teaching of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. Paul tells us that those who take Communion without proper instruction take it to their great harm (I Corinthians 11:29). We don't want that for anyone; therefore, we ask that anyone holding a different Christian confession or belief about the Lord's Supper refrain from Communion. If you are not Communing with us today, we encourage you to come forward with those in your aisle to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your presence by crossing your hands on the rail (or in front of your body for Saturday night worshipers). If you have questions about our Communion policy or our beliefs please feel free to speak to one of the pastors after the service or indicate on an attendance card that you would like to be contacted. May God bless us all as we worship Him in His house today!

*Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion wafer. Please ask an usher for assistance.

*Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.
The Truth is...greatness in God's kingdom is all about service
to Him and to our neighbor.*

Fourth Sunday in Advent Saturday, December 22 and Sunday, December 23



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