

Second Sunday in Advent



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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 6/7, 2025

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the ***Lutheran Service Book*** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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POPULUS ZION

The Second Sunday in Advent is also known as Populus Zion, which, in Latin, means: "people of Zion" (The ESV translates as "daughter of Zion"). This is the opening phrase of the Introit — Say to the daughter (people) of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes." (Isaiah 62:11b). This reminds us of the joy that Christ has come, He comes to us in Word & Sacrament, and will come again.

THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Matthew B. Synnott **Liturgist:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson

Organist: Cantor Peter Wykert **Children's Message:** DCE Scott Rauch

Saturday 6:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Bill Allen, Randy Irwin; Altar Guild: Bill and Debbie Allen; Sound: Chris Pasold

Sunday 8:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Craig Olmstead, Ken Nielsen, Matt Chamberlain, Brad Johnson; Acolytes: Karisa Brown, Samantha Brown; Altar Guild: Connie Wagner; Sound: Todd & Benjamin Coulter; Ushers: Bob Close, Ben Weaver

Sunday 10:45 Service – Comm. Asst.: Nate Wessler; Altar Guild: Jane Nelson; Acolytes: Ava McClure, Kaden Marion; Sound: Mark King Family; Ushers: Alan Stahl, Larry Haste

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Divine Service - Setting Four

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

"The Advent of Our King"

Hymn 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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Please stand

Invocation: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

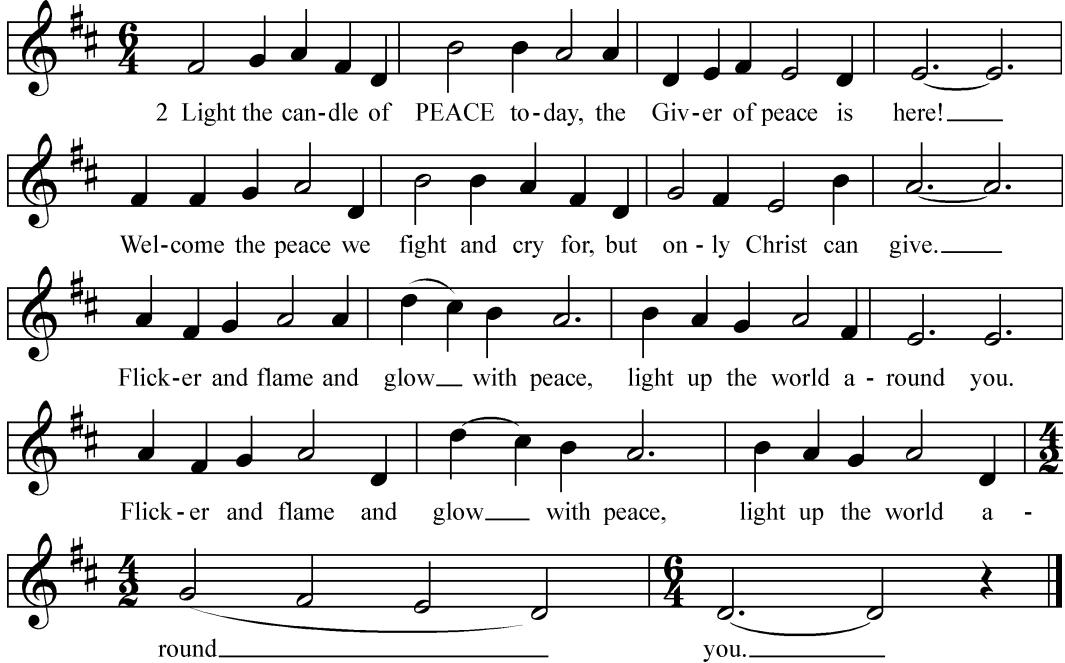
P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

P Beloved in the Lord, in this season of Advent we light the candles on this wreath in anticipation of the coming of Christ. May this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says,

C **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."**

Light the Candle



2 Light the candle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is here! _____
Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but on - ly Christ can give. _____
Flick-er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a - round you.
Flick-er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a -
round _____ you. _____

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Confession of Sins

P Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹ "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. ²But 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. ³And 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.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And 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."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Sunday: Sanctuary Choir

"In Silence We Wait"

Music by Lloyd Larson (ASCAP)

Words by John Parker (ASCAP)

*In silence we wait for the day of God's mercy. In silence we wait for Emmanuel to come.
In silence we wait for the gift of God's promise. In silence we wait and pray.*

*Lord, hear our prayer: "Deliver Your people. Send us a Savior to show us the way!
Guide us in mercy, shepherd us in love." In silence we wait and pray.*

*In darkness we wait for the light of the Christchild. In darkness we wait for the Day Star to shine.
In darkness we wait for the glory of morning. In darkness we wait and pray.*

In silence we wait. In silence we pray. Lord, send Your Christ today. Amen.

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Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar – Question 4

A How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Please stand

Alleluia

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

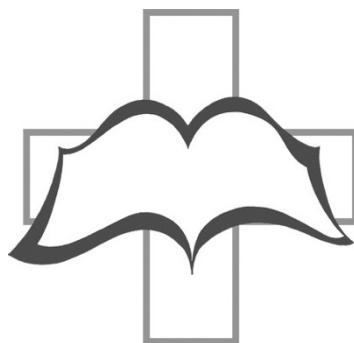
²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated



Hymn of the Day

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Hymn 336



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Sermon

Sunday: Children's Message

Please stand

+ We Respond to God's Word +

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

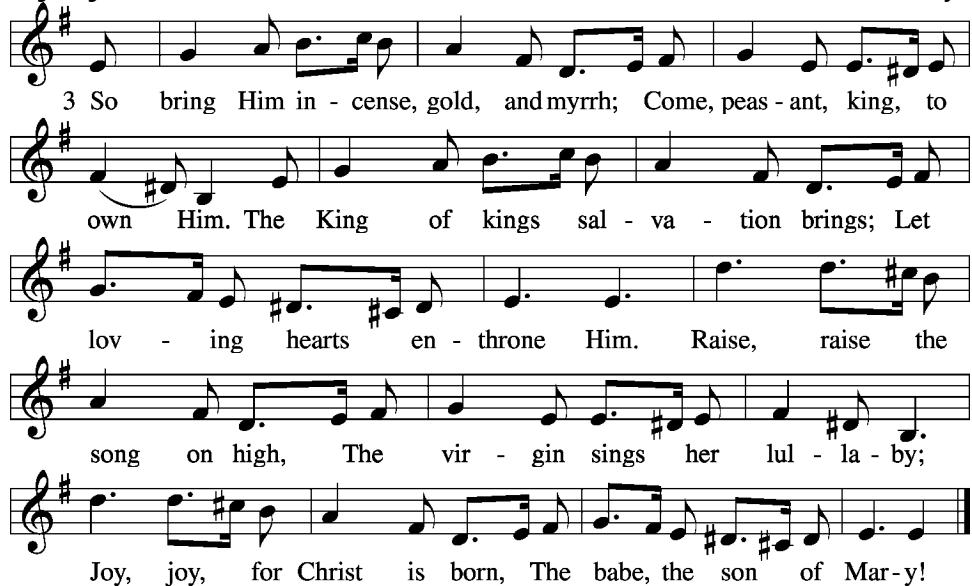
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"What Child Is This" v. 3

Hymn 370



3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Prayers of the Church

 ... let us pray to the Lord:  **Lord, have mercy.**

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came in the flesh, comes now to us in His body and blood, and will come again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:25-25

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, us, O Lord, Lord,
And grant us peace, we we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ's institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday: Music During the Distribution

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

LSB 355

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

LSB 353

"Once He Came in Blessing"

LSB 333

Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your servant go.
2 All glory to the Son, For I have seen the glory of Your everlasting name.
For ever and ever, Alleluia.
For ever and ever, Alleluia.
For ever and ever, Alleluia.

Part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the glo-ry to the Son, For All glo-ry to the glo-ry of Your re-deem-ing grace:
Spirit, For ever Three-in-One;
A light to lead the be-Gen-tiles, Un-
For as in the be-Gen-tiles, Un-
to now, Your ho-ly hill, The glo-ry of Your
now, shall ev-er be, God's tri-une name re-
peo-ple, Your cho-sen Is-rael.
sound-ing Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Father in heaven, filled with the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ we wait in faith for when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ God Sends Us Out +

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

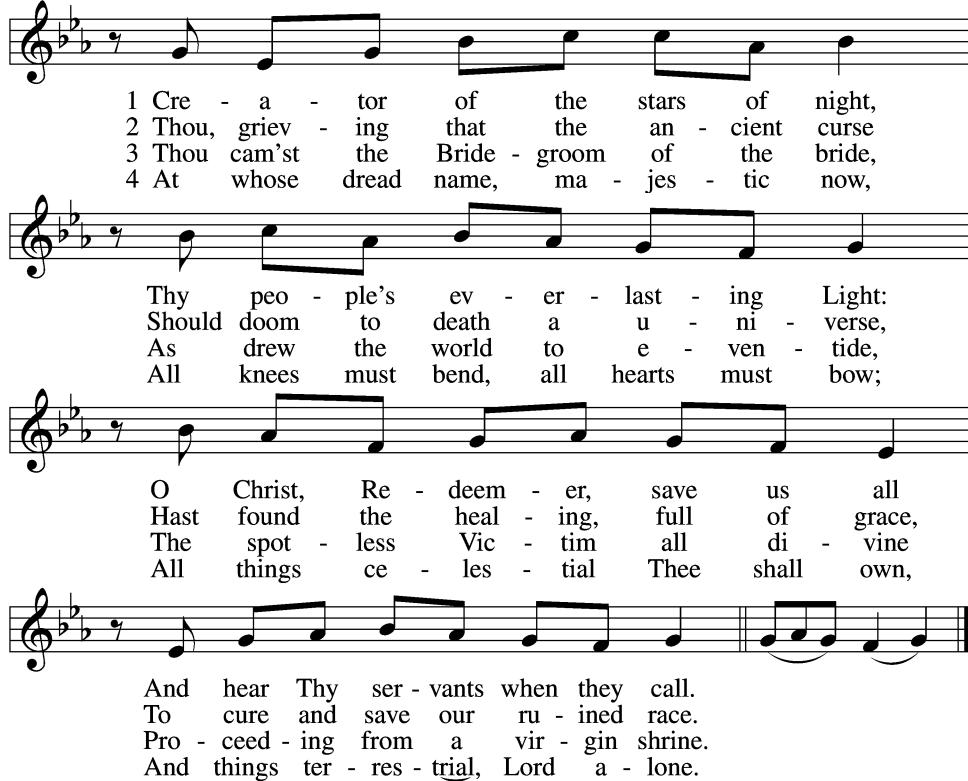
C Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

Hymn 351



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse
3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,
4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,

Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
As drew the world to e - ven - tide,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;

O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all
Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,
The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine
All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,

And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.
To cure and save our ru - ined race.
Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine.
And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread
To judge the living and the dead,
Preserve us from the ancient foe
While still we dwell on earth below.

△ 6 To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements and Welcome

Postlude

† **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dale and Chris Anderson in celebration of our 53rd wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for all the blessings our family have received from God.

END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM TRINITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As we approach the end of the year, we will provide weekly updates to the congregation verbally and in the bulletin on the estimated amount needed for Trinity to meet our 2025 expenses.

As of December 7, our estimated amount needed to meet 2025 expenses = **\$173,054**.

As St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"
(2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

- We thank God for His abundant grace to us through His Son in all things.
- We thank our households for their generous giving to support our Trinity ministry.
- We humbly ask our households to prayerfully consider their contribution levels and whether they would be able to include an extra amount to help Trinity meet its expenses before year-end.
- We ask you to pray with us:

Gracious Father in Heaven, You abundantly provide all that we need. Grant us the blessings and joys that come from being cheerful givers like You. Guide our leaders to be good stewards of the offerings You provide through our families for Your Word & Sacrament ministry at Trinity. And bless us that we may abound in every good work through our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name. Amen.