

FROM PR. GREGG . . .



Trinity Advent Wreath Is Ready!

“A BLESSED & CHALLENGING SEASON”

On Sunday, November 29 we begin our observance of the Advent Season that leads us day by day to our celebration of the good news of great joy – that to us and the whole world a Savior has been born. It is a blessed season – carols are on the radio, feel good movies are on TV, and we hope to gather as families. It is also a challenging season – some are anxious about their financial situation, in some families historic conflicts seem to rise up anew, some of us grieve empty chairs and the people who aren’t with us because of death or sickness or distance, and, of course, we are all navigating our first Covid holiday season. This season is a both/and! It is both blessed and challenging – may we know that God is with us in the both/and! Please take advantage of our on-line worship, it is available in our Weekly Parish Update, YouTube Channel, Face Book Page, and our Web Site. Also we offer Daily Prayer, usually Monday – Thursday on our Trinity Face Book page. Certainly during this season we should be uniting our voices in prayer for the soon arrival of a safe and effective Covid vaccine so that lives will be saved, so that there will be healing of the social division this virus has infected us with, so our kids can return to school, so our businesses can thrive again, so that health care workers and teachers can be safe and get some breathing room, and so that we can fully gather as the community of faith to hear God’s Word, sing our songs, and eat and drink together in the blessed sacrament of Jesus’ body and blood. May God give us a blessed Advent in the midst of our challenges! + **Pr. Gregg**



“VIRTUAL COMMUNION”

As you watch our worship on-line Trinity Face Book page, You Tube, or just click on the link at the bottom of this update [we invite you to join in Communion](#). Have some bread & wine or juice on your table and follow along with the service (click on the link called Worship Aid). Please share them with each other using these words, “The Body of Christ given for you”, “The Blood of Christ shed for you.” Jesus is every where – from our parish table to your family/home table. + **Pr. Gregg**

IN-PERSON WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED! This suspension will continue through January 10, 2021 and will be reviewed by the Parish Council at their January 12 meeting.

Worship Books Can Be Checked Out

You can check out worship books to use while participating in on-line worship. They are available in the west entrance. There is a note pad print your name and note the number of books that you have checked out.

Digital Sunday School

Information was sent out last week about how to get on board with digital Sunday School through Sparkhouse – an online ministry of our church. Some Sparkhouse Bibles for young kids and older kids are available for check out in the west entry. If we need more Bibles we will order them. If you need assistance with this digital program please contact Kyla Boswell and she will assist you. kyla1105@hotmail.com

WORSHIP + SACRAMENT + PRAYER

- **On-Line Worship.** We record every Thursday evening and it is available on our Weekly Parish Update, YouTube Channel, Face Book Page, and our Web Site.
- **Daily Prayer.** Monday – Thursday on our Face Book Page. Usually posted in the morning.
- **Sunday Bell Prayers.** An offering of three prayers every Sunday afternoon for a variety of intentions.
- **Baptisms.** NOT BEING CELEBRATED AT THIS TIME!

Prayer Requests. Please email prayer request to gdavison@tlc-elca.org

“HAVE CANDLES LIT AT TRINITY & PR. GREGG WILL SEND A CARD! If you would like a candle lit for someone please email Pr. Gregg at gdavison@tlc-elca.org or text 641-691-6897. Pr. Gregg will light a candle, pray, and send a card to the person you had a candle lit for – which means you have to include their address.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT will be available on YouTube, Trinity Face Book page: facebook.com/TrinityMtown, and on our Website www.trinity.marshalltown.org. The order of worship is in this update for you to click on as well as a link to the worship service.

Worship Intentions this Weekend

We will be praying for these three families. We will not be using last names in the on line worship: Larry & Marcia Nuese family, Mark & Emily Nymeyer family, and Jason & Lynn Olberding family.

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES of the following Trinity folks: Bob Jensen 12/1/02; Darrell Umbaugh 12/2/10; Larry Mercer 12/2/10; Inez Duft 12/2/17; Tanie Smith 12/3/18; Julia Clements 12/4/94; Ruth park 12/5/12. We thank God for their lives and rejoice in the gift of new life they now share with Jesus and all the saints in heaven. We will not be using last names in our on line worship.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angles herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold, the child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heavenly

door and lives now inside us forever.’ + **Evangelical Lutheran Worship #242 v.1**
“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, ESPECIALLY DURING OUR CURRENT SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP & ACTIVITIES! During this time when church life is different the costs of keeping our parish going remain the same. Below is a link where you can quickly and easily make an online gift to Trinity. From the drop-down menu, choose offering, coronavirus fund, or both. **Or if you prefer, mail your check to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1011 South 3rd Avenue, Marshalltown, IA 50158. https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1199253. Thanks for your offerings, they are keeping us “Trinity Strong Today & for the Future!”**

WEEKLY UPDATE. Thanks to Jeannine for our Weekly Parish Update & Monday Musings to keep everyone informed. Updates will continue to be sent out on Fridays. If you have something for the update please email to Jeannine the Tuesday before Friday at jmgrady4@gmail.com