

Trinity Episcopal Church - 218 East Benton, Aurora, IL 60505- 630-897-7283

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## Dear Friends,

The Bible is full of stories and images inviting our imaginations to explore the diverse and awesome realities of creation and God. Each time we hear or read them, the possibility of God's Word breaking open in new ways, our learning something new, and the Spirit's power to transform us, becomes a reality. Even the most familiar passages are full of the possibility of expanding our experience of the Holy.

Our Advent IV Gospel this year is Matthew's, take on Joseph's side of the story. In it we hear about Joseph's response to God's call to care for Mary and the child Jesus. His response was to live into his experience of the Holy and not abandon Mary. His life was radically changed. He knew the reality of God in his life and he responded accordingly.

As we celebrate this holy season, we too are called to give thanks for the many blessings which God has shared with each of us and our families this past year. We are reminded of God's sojourn among us, in times of pain and times of joy. As Christians, we are called to live our lives in thankful response to this great gift and to share the Good News of God walking with us. We, like Joseph, can choose to let the Holy transform us.

Please join our parish family as we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, "God with us." May the hope, joy and wonder of Christmas be yours!

In Christ.

Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector

Please Note there will be no online Morning or Evening Prayer on 12/24 & 12/25 Our Christmas services are as follows.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th

**6:30 pm** - Caroling

7:00 pm - Choral Eucharist - Holy Communion

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

9:00 am - Holy Eucharist (a said service)

First Sunday of Christmas, December 28th 9:00 am - Christmas Lessons & Carols

For your convenience Christmas Offering and Christmas Flower & Music donation envelopes are enclosed. Please return your Flower Memorials by Sunday, December 21st to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.