

November 2020

Trinity Times

A publication of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Elgin, IL

Confirmation

Sunday, November 8th
Sunday, November 15th
11:00 a.m. in the
Community Room
Wear a mask! We will
be socially distant!
Contact Deaconess
Andrea to attend or if
you have questions!

Call committee:

Please send your name to
Jackie Kutina if you would
like to service on the call
committee.

From the Music Director...

It is hard to believe the church year is coming to a close. As a church worker, it is a sign that the busy part of the year is beginning. Normally, there are rehearsals with brass ensembles to get ready for Reformation, choir rehearsals to prepare for Thanksgiving, and then a constant stream of services through Advent up until Christmas. While most people are enjoying a Christmas break or some time to relax after New Year's, church workers are preparing for the many Lenten services leading up to Easter. Although this upcoming church year will again be unusual, that should not at all be a reason to lose sight of your faith.

The Gospel reading for the final Sunday of the church year is so fitting for our everyday lives. From Mark 13, "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come... Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Lutheran hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" is based around this text. Being written in 1598, Philipp Nicolai wrote the hymn at a time when the bubonic plague was hitting his village of Unna, Germany. Despite being written 422 years ago, his situation seems awfully relatable to current times.

"1."Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Where are the virgins pure and wise?
The Bridegroom comes: Awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!





Join us every Sunday online at holytrinityelgin.com or on WRMN 1410 AM at

9:30 a.m.

Communion Kits to be delivered

Chaplain David and Deaconess Andrea will bring you communion kits and leave them on your porch! We will be celebrating communion virtually Nov 15 & 29. Call or email the church if you would like kits of wine or juice and a wafer. They will deliver several kits.

Pastoral Care:

If you need pastoral care, please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David:

home 847-695-2745 or email: dwrohlwing@att.net

Deaconess Andrea:

cell 847-504-7029 or deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com

Church office: 847-742-2025

Alleluia!

With bridal care and faith's bold prayer,
to meet the Bridegroom, come, prepare!"

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you,
the saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbals' clearest tone.

Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, joining with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.

No eye has seen that light,
no ear the echoed might

of your glory;

yet there shall we in victory
sing shouts of joy eternally!"

It is astonishing that this joyous text could have been written during a time of such turmoil - he continued to praise God as he states in the preface for his hymn, "Day by day I wrote out my meditations, found myself, thank God, wonderfully well, comforted in heart, joyful in spirit, and truly content; gave to my manuscript the name and title of a Mirror of Joy... to leave behind me (if God should call me from this world) as a token of my peaceful, joyful, Christian departure, or (if God should spare me in health) to comfort other sufferers whom He should also visit with the pestilence". What a great example of someone who even in rough times, similar to our own, did not lose sight of his faith. As the church year comes to a close, I hope these words help guide you into the penitential season in which we await the coming of Christ.

- Matt Wahl

Join us virtually on our YouTube to watch & pray with us. Tuesday, November 3rd. & Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

November 3rd is a prayer time filled with beautiful music and prayer for our country. November 19th is a service focused on being thankful. Go to holytrinityelgin.com to watch.

Thank you to Matt Wahl and Bob Balsamo for sharing their musical gifts this month!



Looking for a place to serve?



Lunch sorting:

Help is needed Mon – Fri receiving the U-46 lunches and sorting/placing in refrigerator. The food is then shared with our soup kettle and neighborhood families. Time Commitment: ½ hour a day, even if you can only help 1-2 days it would be appreciated!

Book & Food Boxes:

Help is needed everyday making sure boxes are filled with food, books, and mittens/hats! Food, books and mittens/hats are available at the church. Time commitment: ½ hour a day.

Watering Plants:

Once a week commitment to care for our many beautiful plants in the community room.

Soup Kettle & Community Breakfast:

New helpers are welcome to serve on at our Friday evening soup kettle or on the Sunday morning pancake breakfast (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Contact Bob Langlois for more info or to sign up to help!

Staff:

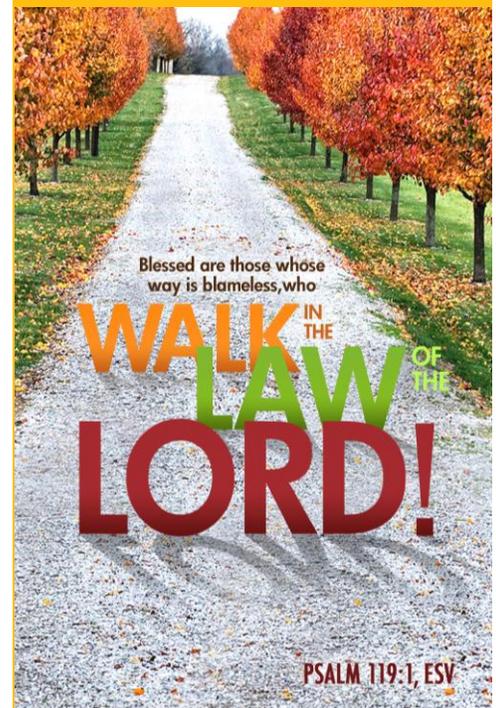
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Beginning December 1 offering envelopes are available for the calendar year 2021! Call the church office to stop by during the week to pick up yours. Or if you would like yours mailed, let Deaconess Andrea know. Thank you for supporting the ministries of Holy Trinity!



Advent

Advent begins November 29th! This Advent, we will be looking at dreamers in the Bible. Devotionals will be emailed/mailed later in November. Psalm 126 opens with the line: “When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.” What does it look like to live as those who dream? The prophets, the psalmists, John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds and the Magi—they were all dreamers. They received, discovered, and responded to God’s dreams for the world. This Advent, we step into the mystery and awe of God’s dreams and pray they shape our reality. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God’s dreams for our world.

30 days of gratitude

#1 What smell are you grateful for today?	#2 What technology are you grateful for?	#3 What color are you grateful for?
#4 What food are you most grateful for?	#5 What sound are you grateful for today?	#6 What in nature are you grateful for?
#7 What memory are you grateful for?	#8 What book are you most grateful for?	#9 What place are you most grateful for?
#10 What taste are you grateful for today?	#11 What holiday are you grateful for?	#12 What texture are you grateful for?
#13 What abilities are you grateful for?	#14 What sight are you grateful for today?	#15 What season are you grateful for?
#16 What about your body are you grateful for?	#17 What knowledge are you grateful for?	#18 What piece of art are you grateful for?
#19 What touch are you grateful for today?	#20 Who in your life are you grateful for?	#21 What song are you most grateful for?
#22 What story are you grateful for?	#23 What tradition are you grateful for?	#24 What challenge are you grateful for?
#25 What moment this week are you most grateful for?	#26 What form of expression are you most grateful for?	#27 What small thing that you use daily are you grateful for?
#28 What small thing that happened today are you grateful for?	#29 What friend/family member are you grateful for today?	#30 What talent or skill do you have that you are grateful for?

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