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PRELUDE *Londonderry Air (Prelude, Hornpipe)* Harold Rutz (b.1930)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *read responsively*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness,
grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Sing with all the Saints in Glory



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the re - sur -
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heaven re - joi - ces; Je - sus lives, who
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders crowd on faith; what



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,
once was dead. Join we now the death - less voi - ces;
joy un - known, when, a - midst earth's clo - sing thun - ders,



to the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
ne - ver that full joy con - ceived. God has pro - mised,
child of God, lift up your head! Patri - archs from the
saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter



clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits. ev -
dis - tant a - ges, saints all long - ing for their heaven, pro -
that bright por - tal, see that glo - wing fir - ma - ment; know,



God's lik - e - ness we, a - wa -
- ery hum - ble spi - rit shares it;
phets, psal - mists, seers, and sa - ges,
with thee, O God Im - mor - tal,



king, know the e - ver - las - ting
Christ has passed th'et - er - nal gates.
all a - wait the glo - ry given.
"Je - sus Christ whom thou has sent!"

Hymnary.org

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Hilda Painter

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

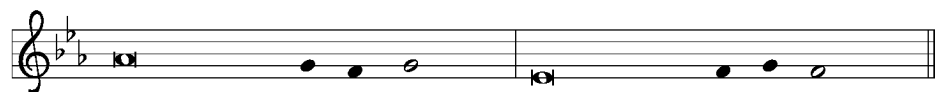
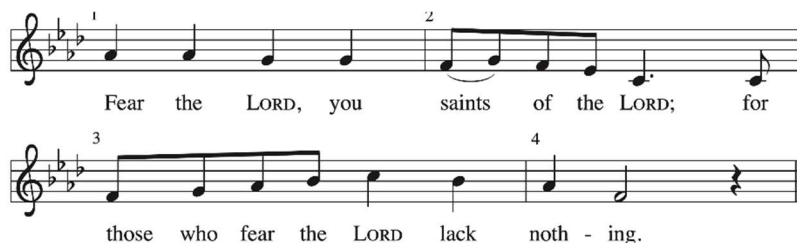
¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22



¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice. **R**

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles. R**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW 520

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Kim, Jane, Joe, Stephen and others we name now *(worshippers may add names silently or aloud)*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All Saints Commemoration. During the following petition, the hymn "For All the Saints" will be played. As each name is called a bell will be rung and a member or representative of the family will come forward to light a candle and place a leaf for Trinity's All Saints Banner on the table. After the last name is read, congregants may name other loved ones who have died during the past year.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Anne Vermillion and Pauline Fretz. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



OFFERING

I've Got a Robe African American Spiritual

Trinity Choir

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word.
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

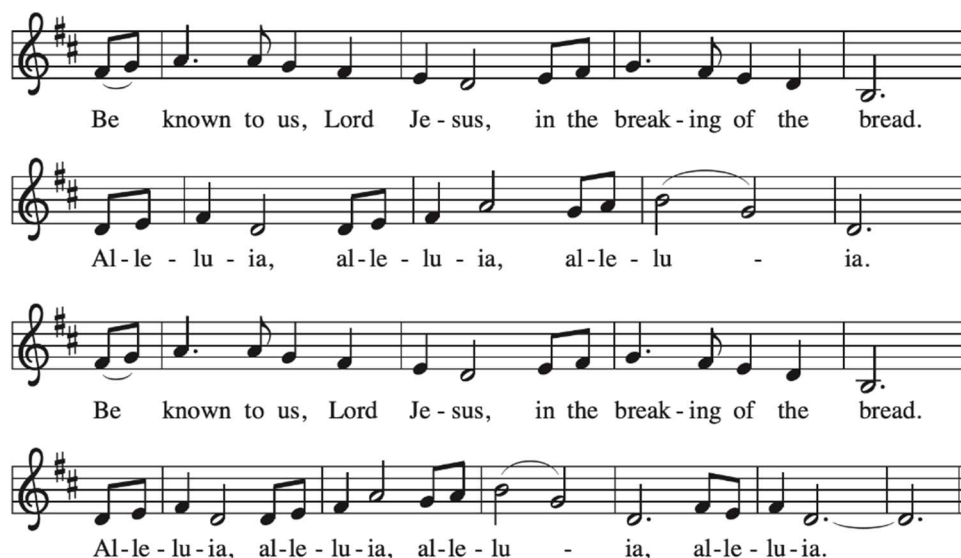
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.



COMMUNION SONG



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

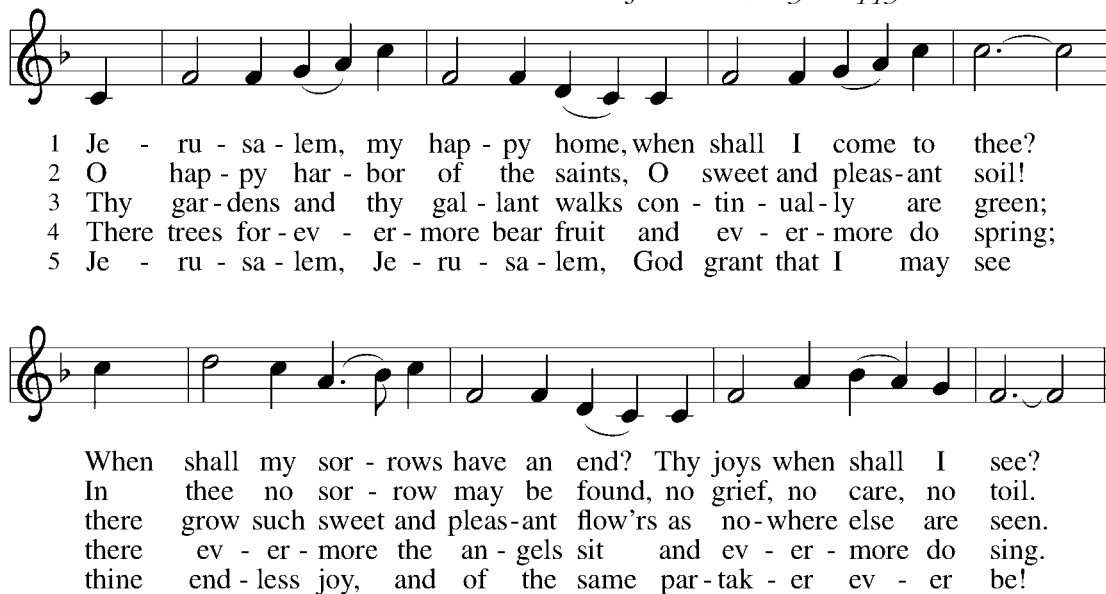
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW 628



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
 oh, when they crown him King of kings,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
 and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

George Lachenauer (b.1933)

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This week: Greeters: Dave and Pam Reichert, Reader & Comm. Asst. Hilda Painter

Next week: Greeter: Diann Dailey; Reader: Sue Teal; Comm. Asst. needed

TRENDING @ TRINITY

The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Hilda and Dan Painter in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary.

Take time to look at the lovely quilts that are being blessed this morning. They were all hand sewn by the members of the Sewing for the Savior group here at Trinity. The group is open to all and meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM in room 204. Quilts are given to anyone experiencing long illness, infants and children baptized at Trinity, and are sold at events like the upcoming Kringle Market. If you know someone who is infirmed and would appreciate a lap quilt, please speak to Martha Cooley. Also, considering buying one or two at the Kringle Market -- or today, any member of the group will be happy to sell to you. Members include: Martha Cooley, Hilda Painter, Mary Anderson, Loretta Koontz, Nan Righter, Linda Rudy, Beverly Scheulen, Susan Scheulen, Barbara Hockenberry and Patty Stringer.

Congregation Council members are reminded to this evening's meeting at 6:30PM with Synod representative Pastor John Wertz. Regular Council meeting is Tuesday at 6:30PM

Thanksgiving food baskets will be assembled the week of November 13-17 and distributed on the 18th. Your donations of stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, and boxed desserts are needed. Monetary donations are always accepted as well. Write "thanksgiving baskets" in the memo line of your check.

November's Noisy Offering on the 19th, will benefit Bright Futures Frederick/Winchester--a nonprofit agency that serves children enrolled in the 26 public schools in Winchester and Frederick County and whose families or caretakers have been identified as financially disadvantaged. It works with school divisions, partner organizations and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to make sure every student has access to nutritious food. The group's main initiative is its food pack program, which delivers breakfasts and lunches to students who experience food insecurities at home. Last year, the nonprofit's website states, more than 4,800 food packs containing two breakfasts and two lunches each were distributed to about 1,200 eligible students per month.

A word of thanks from Pam Reichert for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits following her recent surgery. Trinity also received a nice thank you from the MAMA Program for the donation of the Noisy Offering, they are most appreciative.

Trinity congregation recently received a lovely thank you letter from the Godfrey Miller Center for the donation from the September Noisy Offering. It is posted in the parish hall.

Kringle Market

December 2, 2023



The Kringle Market is coming! The Kringle Market will take place here at Trinity on Saturday, December 2. It will be a wonderful craft, food and entertainment event for all ages. There are specific opportunities for you to participate listed on a signup sheet in the Parish Hall. Additionally, there is a need for donations (temporary or permanent) of Christmas tree lights and artificial Christmas trees (unlit or pre-lit). The Lutheran Church Women will be having a baked goods table and need lots and lots of home baked goodies for their booth. Please help spread the word to all your friends, neighbors and relatives, have them save the date.

