

TODAY, Dec. 20th – ADVENT 4 “Angels”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! *SO glad you're “here”!* 😊

“Proclaim” KOVC 1490AM @ 10:30 a.m. w/**FaithLC**;

Pastor JoAnne WILL do “Proclaim” for Sun., Dec. 27th.

DEC.-JAN. 17th Worship: TLC Council met this week and decided to *continue as we are through Jan. 17th*: Facebook Live & “Proclaim”/KOV; AND we have **“partial in-person”** worship **for those without Facebook access (masks required, hand cleaner @ door, social distance, humming welcome).** ...with your health/well-being in mind and heart. Thanks, Council!

THIS WEEK @ TLC: *We're glad you're “here”!* 😊

TODAY -- NO Sunday School...*get ready for their virtual program!*

2-4 p.m. Ethel Heckman's “100th Birthday DRIVE-BY & Card Shower”! *Let's help her celebrate @ 305-9th Ave NW, VC!* 😊

WED., Dec. 23rd – 1-3 p.m. Gr. 7 Confirmation (basement/masks)

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:30 pm “Carols & Candlelight” @ Courthouse
(NO “Abide” on this day, Thursday, Dec. 24th)

CHRISTMAS DAY: “A Blessed Holy Day to you!” (Check Facebook)
(NO Holy Communion on this day, Friday, Dec. 25th)

NEXT SUN., Dec. 27th – CHRISTMAS 1 (Pastor vacation-Dec.31)
Check TLC Facebook for our S.S.Program...and other virtual Video-messages/concerts/music. “Merry 3rd Day of Christmas!”

CHRISTMAS EVE “Carols & Candlelight” @ Courthouse

...4:30-4:50 p.m. on the south lawn/sidewalks, SO... *dress warmly (bring a blanket). B.Y.O. Chair & Candle/flashlight*(cell phone/muted), if desired. *Wear a face mask, social distance* (a family may be grouped together, carefully) and softly sing/hum along. JOIN US! 😊

6 p.m. Children's Reading/Carols (Facebook only, no in-person)

CHRISTMAS DAY: Check out festive programs on TV/radio, too!

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Worship: 10 a.m. Facebook Live (Trinity Lutheran Church of Valley City); **“Proclaim”** 1490 AM/10:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Valley City, North Dakota December 20, 2020

Ministers: All Members **Office:** 701-845-3837 (M-F 9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Pastor: Rev. JoAnne Moeller **Home/Parsonage:** 845-3935 **Cell:** 840-7548

PRELUDE...*quiet/center yourself in the Presence of GOD*
READY 4 CANDLES/LAMP to “Light” later....

OUR CONFESSION:

...Silent Confession: GOD of all time, we confess that we have not prepared well for Your merciful Kingdom. We have ignored those in need, and have failed in the labor of justice and peace. In Your mercy forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Grant us wisdom to welcome Your Light and to seek the things that will endure as we await the coming of our Lord. ...Amen!

LIGHTING OF ADVENT 4 CANDLES: “Angels”

L: Our Lord and Savior draweth nigh; **C: O** come, let us adore Him.
L: *Light 4 candles to watch for Messiah...let your lights be shining.*

ADVENT PRAYER (C: Amen!)

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***ADVENT-4 HYMN:** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #300

***THE KYRIE:** **C:** “Lord, have mercy (4x)...*Aaamen.*”

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Gracious God, in choosing Mary and Joseph to birth and raise Your Son, Jesus, You made known Your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, the faithful. Grant us grace to receive Your word in trust and humble service. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives anew with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE PSALMODY: “*Mary’s Magnificat*”/Luke 1:46b-55

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

***GOSPEL Acclamation:** #257 *refrain* “*Rejoice, rejoice....*”

***GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 1:18-25

Responses: “*Glory to you, O LORD*”...“*Praise to you, O Christ.*”

‘**ADVENT’ HYMN:** “*Canticle of the Turning*” #723

“*The Mark of the Maker*” by Tom Hegg/Warren Hanson
(C. 1991, Read/Live-streamed with permission of TRISTAN Pblshg.)

OR: MEDITATING ON WORD – Sit quietly, listen, ponder...

--What phrase/part “*caught your attention*” as you read/listened?

--What did you hear as “*good news*”/gospel today?

--What surprises/challenges you? Where do you hear **Promise**?

HYMN of the DAY: “*The Angel Gabriel*” #265

OUR OFFERINGS (Thanks for mailing to TLC, 499-4th Ave. NW)

***Offertory:** #257 *refrain* “*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel...*”

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *GOD of Life and Love, we bring before You gifts of your abundance, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and kindness as we care for those in need, and wait with hope, in the spirit of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

OUR PRAYERS: L: GOD of Love; C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***THE BLESSING** (tune #279/Bethlehem)

...C: *Creator, Savior, Spirit; Eternal GOD to Thee,
Our thanks and praise we humbly raise, Now through Eternity!*

A “**VIRTUAL**” HUG/HANDSHAKE 😊

...**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***HYMN:** “*Angels We Have Heard on High*” #289

THE CHASSE: “*Go in peace to love...; Thanks be to GOD!*”

REMEMBER: “*G.G.W.Y.; G.W.G.!*”

IN OUR HEARTS/PRAYERS Today/This Week: Grieving; CHAD HENNINGSGARD (knee surgery 12/21); BOB WITTENBERG/SCC (covid); MADONNA BACHER-SLACK; MARLENE BISCHOFF (SCC); DENNIS ANUNDSON (*chemo*); KATE LEHR (*Pat Beil’s grdniece*)...and their FAMILIES; **Community leaders/responders**

Others in Need (*all struggling* because of coronavirus; *those recovering* from tragedies/disasters/accidents/conflict/violence; *those who flee/live with* fear, danger, abuse; *refugees/homeless/ hungry/ thirsty* at borders and in our communities/nation/world); **CASA DE FE; LDisaster Response/World Hunger, LSS-ND/LIRS/LWorldRelief; PUBLIC LEADERS; PEACE ...Missionaries, Diplomats, Military**

OF OUR “TRINITY FAMILY” giving thanks/praying for: Ethel H., Sharon Hirsch, Kathy Hoefs, Gayle/Mike Hoff, Herb Hoff, Shirley Hoff

“*Abide*” on **THURSDAYS – 5:15-:45 p.m.**
*A quiet time for you to sit in the Sanctuary...
...rest, pray, abide
amidst the many demands and challenges.
Come, “Abide in me, and I in you...” (Jesus)
Light a red candle or two or three...
(Please wear a mask and social distance in pews.)*

AND

COME, receive HOLY COMMUNION
*during this COVID-19 time,
on **Fridays @ 12:20 p.m./TLC Sanctuary**
*Masks required; hand sanitize @ front
door; social distance in pews.
(No need to call ahead.)*