



*Christmas*

BEGINS  
WITH

*Christ*

FOR UNTO US

A CHILD IS BORN...

AND HIS NAME SHALL

BE CALLED WONDERFUL,

COUNSELOR,

THE MIGHTY GOD,

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6



Welcome to  
Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA  
N60 W6047 Columbia Road, Cedarburg  
Pastor Heidi M. Borkenhagen, Interim Pastor  
**Friday, December 24, 2021**  
**Christmas Eve**  
7:00 p.m. Worship Service

† *Congregation will stand if able.*

**Prelude**

***“Pastorale in F Major”***

BWV 590 Johann Sebastian Bach

**Welcome**

**Opening Litany**

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**C: a light has dawned on those living in the shadows of death.**

P: Jesus Christ is our Life and Light.

**C: In Christ's name, in Christ's grace, let us worship God!**

P: Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened. Let us go with the shepherds.

**C: Let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.**

P: Let us go with those who are wise:

**C: Let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.**

P: Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh; let us go with those who are humbled by life:

**C: Let us find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.**

P: Let us go with our friends and family, let us go with our neighbors and with strangers, let us go with all the children of God:

**C: Let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.**

P: O come, let us go to the Child of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore him!

**C: Christ our Lord!**

† **Opening Carol # 283**

***“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*** vs. 1,2

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!*

*O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;*

*come and behold him, born the king of angels: refrain*

*Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,*

*O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,*

*Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;*

*Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! refrain*

† **Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

† **Hymn of Praise # 289 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

1) Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

† **Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Anthem “Love Knows No Borders”**  
Chapel Choir

Sally DeFord

*From lands of the sunrise, from isles of the sea,  
Though oceans divide us and miles lie between,  
Come gather in spirit with shepherds of old  
’round Bethlehem’s cradle, our Heavenly King to behold.*

*Refrain: For love knows no borders and love knows no bounds,  
Rejoice ye together, for Jesus our Savior is born.*

*From nations far sundered, from earth’s farthest shore,  
From castle and cottage where Jesus is Lord,  
Come sing with the angels, with voices made one,  
Ascending to heaven in praise of the Father’s own Son.*

*Refrain*

*His love knows no borders, nor color nor creed,  
No rich and no poor, neither captives nor free,  
And we who receive Him must love without end,  
And carry His tidings of peace and good will to us all.*

*Refrain*

## First Reading - Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 96 (read responsively, congregation reads bold print)

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup> **let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

<sup>13</sup> before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

## Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A: The Word of the Lord

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## † Gospel Acclamation #290 *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

## † Gospel P: The holy gospel according to **Luke 2:1-20** C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>2</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Children's Sermon and Sermon

† Hymn of the day # 279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs.1,2

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!*

† Nicene 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

P: God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in our flesh.

**C: May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us.**

P: On this holy night angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Sun of righteousness.

**C: Strengthen all who work for peace and justice, and heal the brokenness of our world.**

P: On this holy night you came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn.

**C: Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.**

P: On this holy night shepherds and outcasts heard your good news.

**C: Give us grace and courage to spread your gospel of joy.**

P: On this holy night we rejoice at the coming of this time of re-creation.

**C: Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, keep us safe and healthy, and strengthen the bonds between us.**

P: On this holy night Christians throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth.

**C: Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our fear.**

P: On this holy night your living Word leaped down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

**C: Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.**

P: On this holy night heaven and earth meet, and in your true child you give us power to be your children. All who have gone before us in the faith now live again in the fulfillment of the love that came to life on Christmas night.

**C: May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.**

P: Hear these prayers we bring to you, Gracious Father, and fulfill your purposes in us in the name of Jesus, your incarnate Word. **Amen.**

† **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**Offertory**      *"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"*

Wilbur Held

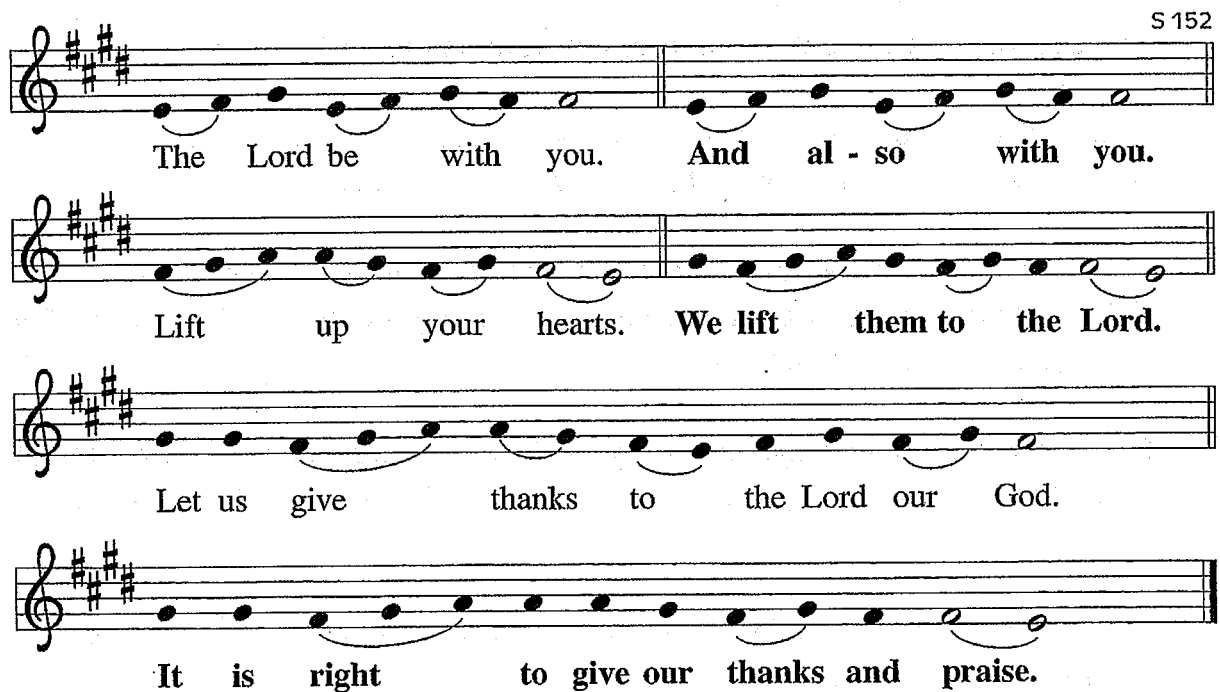
† **Offertory Prayer**

L: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen**

† **The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

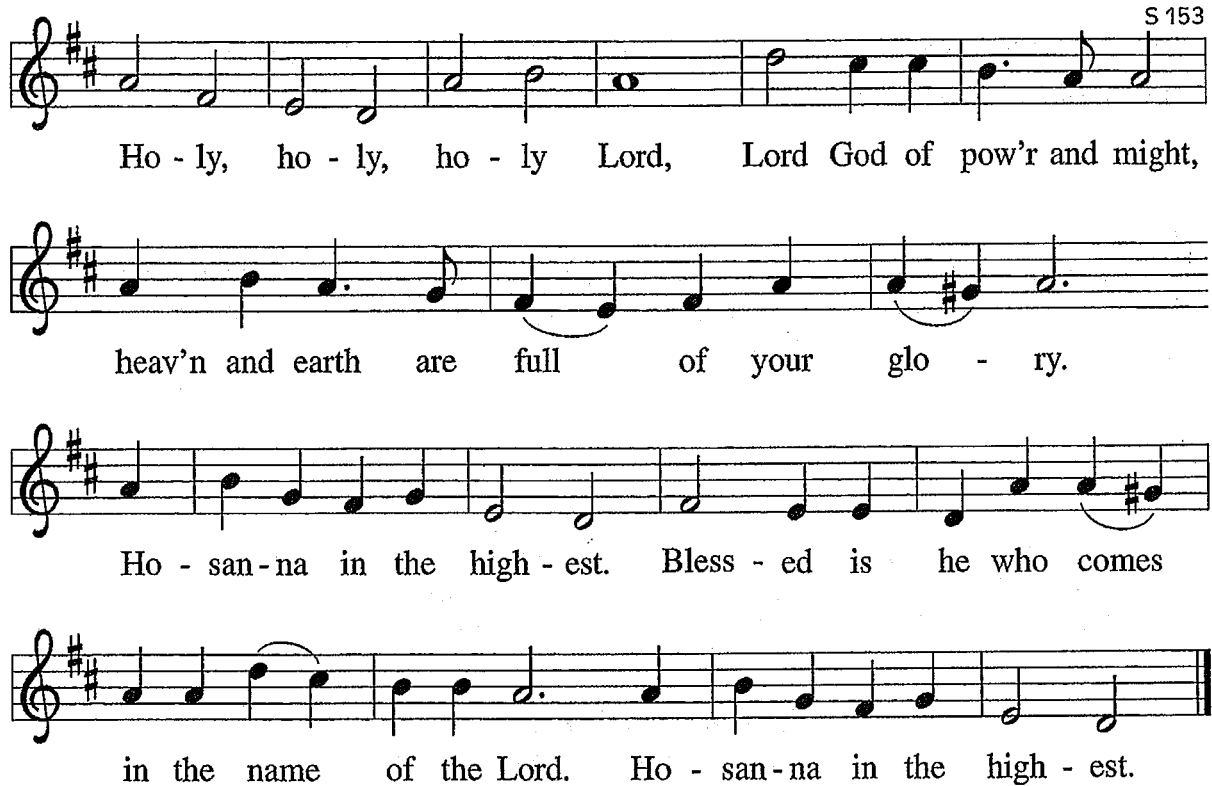
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the assembly responds:*



† Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Words of Institution

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

**Communion**

† **Prayer After Communion**

L: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

† **Blessing**

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

† **Special Music & Reading**

**"Stille Nacht"**

Franz Gruber, arr. Christopher Uehlein

During the music, Pastor Heidi will read Bible verses and then the ushers will light the candle of the first person of each pew. Each person tips his/her unlit candle towards the lit candle.

† **Carol # 281**

**"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

verse 1 - German, verses 1-3 - English

- 1) *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*
- 1) Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2) Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3) Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

† **Closing Benediction**

† **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**"From Heaven Above"**

arr. Wilbur Held

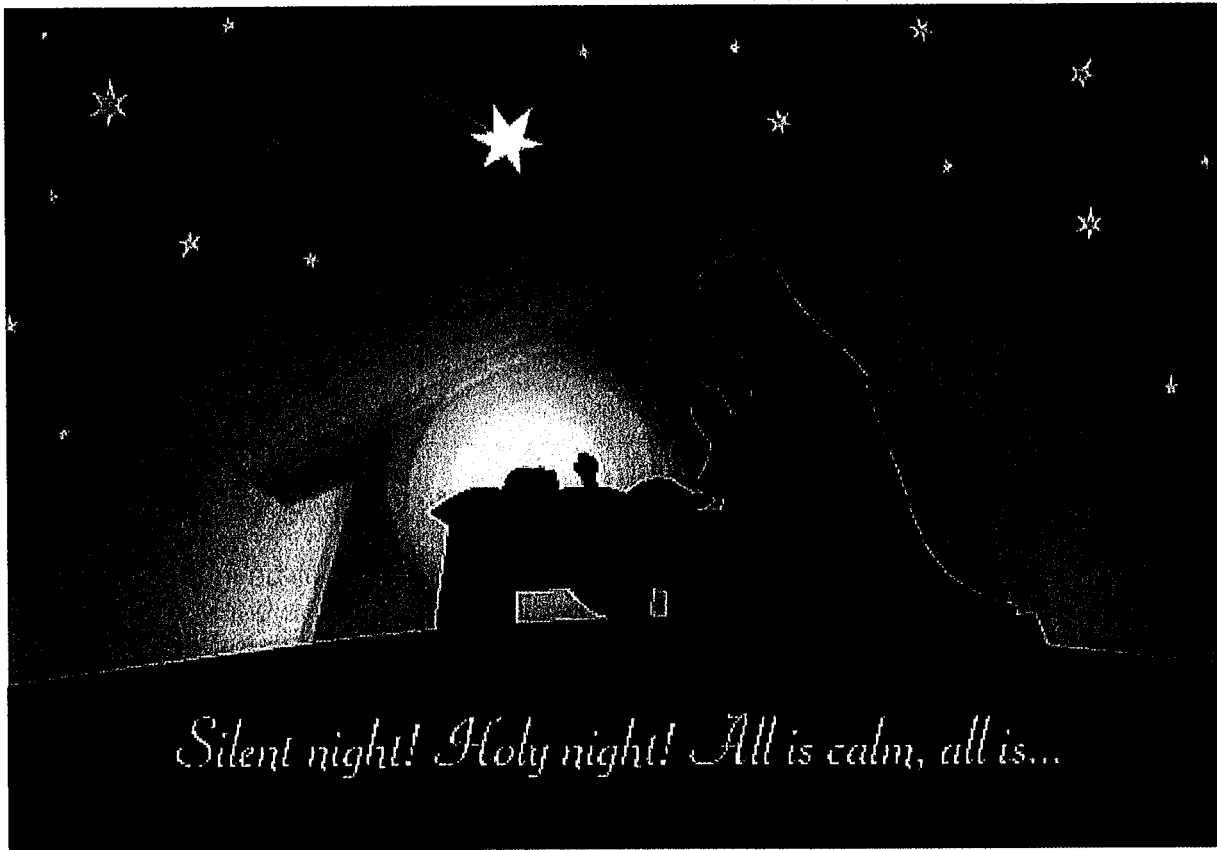
## **Prayer Requests**

Linda Rechten—sister in law of Jody Hoffmann  
Ingrid Hoerz—friend of Mark & Cindy Rennie  
Maggie—Nola Sella's sister in law  
Mary Hennig  
Charles Rennie—Mark Rennie's brother  
All those affected by the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy  
Patrick Doughman  
Louise Davison—Linda Staley's mom  
Family & Friends of Lucille Licht  
All those affected by the tornadoes in Kentucky  
Family & Friends of Edna Dobberpuhl

A reminder: any donations you wish to have credited for 2021 need to be in the church office by Friday, December 31 by 10 am so that we can get them to the bank. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 262-377-0610 or email at [office@trinitycedarburg.org](mailto:office@trinitycedarburg.org).

Worship on Sunday, December 26 will be at 9 am and will be a service of lessons and carols. There will be a New Year's Eve vigil at 5 pm on Friday, December 31.





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**Our Mission Statement:** *Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will share the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, and be faithful to God's Word and Commandments.*

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