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# Trinity Trumpet Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church December, 2022

## Hymn of the Month

Our Hymn of the Month for December is one of the oldest Advent hymns known, *Savior of the Nations, Come*. This hymn is attributed to Ambrose of Milan, who lived 340-397 AD. This means that the Church is now in its seventeenth century of singing this hymn. This hymn prays for Jesus, the Savior of the Nations to come to us. This should be our constant prayer. We cannot be saved without Jesus. This hymn also clearly articulates what Scripture teaches about Christ. He is the Word of God made flesh, born of a virgin, true God and true man. He came to win victory for us in the flesh, so we pray for Him to come to us, so that we may always have that victory.

We are now in the season of Advent. Advent means coming. Christ came the first time lowly, as a baby in a manger. Then in humility, He went to the cross and died for us. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. Everyone who has faith in Him will live forever. So, we pray for Him to come to us today with His grace, so that we may believe His holy Word and trust in Him today. I pray this hymn grows on you this month and that it becomes your fervent prayer, not only in Advent, but at all times.

In Christ,

Pastor Preus

### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

D 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, 1524, ed. Johann Walter; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 27, 2022

**Open Meeting:** President Josh Graeve opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

**Attendees:** Pastor Preus, Mary Brown, Anna Lundgren, Lance Newland, John Schildmier, Bill Ansley, Josh Graeve.

**Devotion/ Opening Prayer:** Pastor Preus opened the meeting with a reading from the 'Book of Family Prayer', Psalm 45:15.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mary Brown The minutes from the August 22, 2022 council meeting was reviewed. John made a motion to approve the minutes and Lance 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anna Lundgren

The General Fund has a balance of \$16,956.72 as of October 27, 2022.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Bill Ansley

With Janis Wetterich assistance, we closed out the youth checking account and transferred the \$1108.35 to the memorial account. Bill contacted Pastor Kevin Saylor and he let us use the \$100 in the Saylor memorial account to help purchase the picture by the Baptismal font.

Year to Date donations as of September 25, 2022

General Fund Donations

Budget	\$107,062.80
Lutheran Witness	\$ 32.00
Offering	<u>\$108,165.00</u>
Total	\$108,197.00
Over Budget	\$ 1,102.20

Memorial Donation for 2022

Boiler Fund	\$ 500.00
Elders Fund	\$ 100.00
Flower Fund	\$ 555.00
Cargill Nights & Lights fund	\$ 260.60
Nights & Lights	\$ 735.00
Radio Broadcast	\$ 4,000.00
Rifenberry Memorial	\$ 715.00
Saylor Memorial	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	\$ 311.00
Swaddling Clothes	\$ 1,508.00
VBS	<u>\$ 85.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,869.60
Total Receipts for 2022 as of May 31	\$117,066.60

As of 10/9/2022	weekly budget \$2,745.20	10/16/2022
Budget to date	\$112,553.20	\$118,043.60
Offering to date	<u>\$113,326.00</u>	<u>\$117,930.00</u>
Over/under budget	\$ 772.80	-\$ 113.60

Mary made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Lance 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Preus

Services: Pastor is continuing to conduct and preach at Vespers services every Wednesday at 7:15 PM and Divine Services every Saturday at 6 PM and Sunday morning at 9 AM. He records his sermons to be aired on the radio every week as well.

Christian Education: Pastor prepares lessons for Sunday school and Wednesday School. We have about four children in Pastor's class and four children in the younger class. He also is teaching two in adult instruction. We will

have a Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11th at 10:30 AM. Pastor teaches a Bible study on 1 Samuel every Sunday morning at 10:30. He is starting a women's Bible study on Isaiah in November.

Youth: Pastor has made attempts to bring kids to retreats at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. He is working with the high school boys to attend Trinity Academy in the summer of 2023.

Pastor continues to visit his shut-in parishioners and mail sermons to those who are unable to attend services each week.

Extra: Pastor Preus is the pastoral counselor for the Williamsburg LWML Zone. It is a 2 year term. Pastor is also the circuit delegate for the 2023 LCMS synodical convention in Milwaukee.

Pastor is working with the Elders to make contacts to inactive members and to remove inactive and out of state members from the rolls.

## **Boards:**

**Elder's:** John Schildmier

Elder's Meeting, September 1, 2022

Attendees: John Schildmier, Greg Wetterich, Scott Hallgren, Josh Graeve, Chris Matthiesen and Pastor Preus.

Opened with Devotion; Martin Luther's Preface to the Large Catechism

Old Business:

- Offering Stands , will be completed and acquired at the Vendor Fair at Bridgeview
- Membership updates
- Communion; Have received a gift of more glasses. John searched online and some appeared to be available.
- New Communion Wine; The Altar Guild and Church Council tasted whites and have a couple favorites. There is plenty of time, so may taste reds and narrow that down to make a final choice.

New Business:

- Sermon broadcasts; we are receiving more in donations than it cost each week. Should we add another station or some other form of media, potentially newspaper or some other ads for our service? Pastor will look into costs and available stations.
- Camp Trinity; this camp is located near St. Louis, and is a camp for young men (13 to 18 years old). They have classes similar to seminary classes, 3 hours of classes, matins, Compline. The dates for next year are July 16 to 21, 2023. Pastor is encouraging young men from our congregation to go.
- Reviewed Christmas Services, Schedule and duties
- Elders to provide meal for second Advent service
- Pastor is to get quotes on a new office chair (can purchase) and potentially a new desk (would like a quote). Also discussed potential of adding an adjustable stand for being able to stand or sit.
- 2023 Budget; John is to generate a spreadsheet and Elders can work on their portion via email. They will approve Elder's portion of budget at their next meeting.
- Next meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting was closed with prayer

**Trustees:** Nate Gaff, via Bill Ansley, October 27

- Parsonage; A new dishwasher was installed by Tyler Brown. Closet doors were repaired. Pulled and unplugged bathroom stool downstairs and put end cap on open chimney pipe.
- Grounds; Bill trapped 2 ground hogs, repaired playground shed, removed 4 dump truck loads of pea gravel from playground. There are about 4 more loads to go. Mowed the lawn twice and cleaned up mowers. Replaced wheel on mower deck and the missing gas cap on zero turn mower. They are parked for the winter but need to winterize them yet. We still haven't received our new mower.

- Church Building; Boiler inspector was at the church. He started the boiler, turned off the AC several times. Hildreth Boiler was here and cleaned out dirt trap screen in boiler line. Wingers were here and repaired leaking back flow valve on boiler water supply. Johnson controls has not been here to repair office radiator air valves yet. They said they would be here this week but haven't been here yet.

**Committees:**

**Memorial:** Possible uses for memorial money, Pastors desk chair, Desk and carpets in offices need to be replaced.

**Education:** See Pastor's report

**Sunday school:** See Pastor's report

**Youth Group:** See Pastor's report

**LWML:** The LWML sponsored a Vendor Fair at Bridgeview Center on November 5. The Trinity Church Basement Ladies made 63 apple pies to sell. We were sold out of pies by 10:30. We took orders for more and met and made 30 more pies. Those who were able to make the pies, enjoyed the fellowship time together.

**Altar Guild:** They had a meeting to discuss Advent and Christmas Duties.

**Swaddling Clothes:** Continuing to need Volunteers the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday evening from 5-7. Donations of Diapers and wipes are also needed.

**Old Business:**

Officers;

Lance and Anna will continue on serving as Vice President and Treasurer

**New Business:**

Trinity will again donate \$100 to Holiday Nights and Lights.

2023 Budget is being worked on by the Elders.

Next Council meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Voter's meeting to be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

- Approve 2023 Budget
- Officer nominations

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by;

Mary E. Brown, Council Secretary

## December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<b>November 27</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study/Christmas Program Rehearsal 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM	<b>November 28</b>	<b>November 29</b>	<b>November 30</b> 5:00 p.m. Church Decorating 5:45 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday School 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers	<b>December 1</b> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Isaiah	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 a.m. Adult Instruction 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study/Christmas Program Rehearsal 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00-7:00 PM Swaddling Clothes	<b>7</b> 5:45 p.m. Advent Supper 6:00-7:45 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers	<b>8</b> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Isaiah	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00 a.m. Adult Instruction 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship <b>10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program</b> 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:45 p.m. Advent Supper 6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday School 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers	<b>15</b> 9:00-10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Isaiah	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:00 a.m. Adult Instruction 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study/Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM <b>5:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:45 p.m. Advent Supper No Wednesday School 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers	<b>22</b> No Women's Bible Study on Isaiah	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> No Adult Instruction 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Divine Service No Sunday School or Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Wednesday School Christmas Break	<b>29</b> No Women's Bible Study on Isaiah	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:00 a.m. Adult Instruction 6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service