

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 24, 2023



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Worship Service 9:00AM  
Sunday School 10:30AM  
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## Communion Invitation

**Dear Guest:** If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, please speak to pastor before taking the Lord's Supper.

We love you! We want you to be able to receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and the wine for your forgiveness. If you would like to be part of our communion, please set up a time to visit with pastor during the week. You can contact Pastor after the service or call the church office at 532-2717.

You may, however, come up to the altar today to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest while you are kneeling at the communion rail. You may also remain in your pew during Communion if you so desire.

## Confession and Absolution

### 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. 1, ref, 2-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

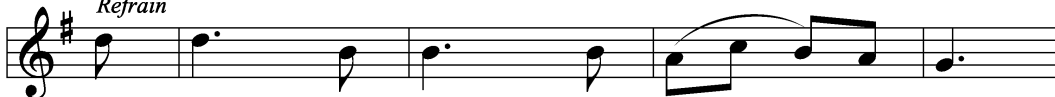


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

#### *Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
Tune: French, 15th cent.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.


C Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 186

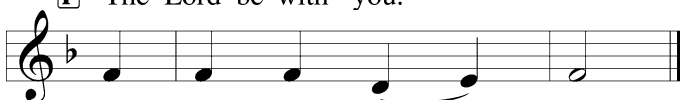


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

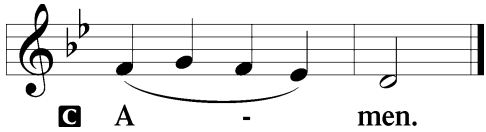


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Psalm 85 (LSB)*

- <sup>1</sup> O Yahweh, You showed favor to Your land;  
You returned the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
You covered all their sin. Selah.
- <sup>3</sup> You withdrew all Your fury;  
You turned back from Your burning anger.
- <sup>4</sup> Turn us back, O God of our salvation,  
And cause Your vexation toward us to cease.
- <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will You prolong Your anger from generation to generation?
- <sup>6</sup> Will You not Yourself return to revive us,  
That Your people may be glad in You?
- <sup>7</sup> Show us, O Yahweh, Your lovingkindness,  
And give us Your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what the God, Yahweh, will speak;  
For He will speak peace to His people, to His holy ones;  
But let them not turn back to folly.
- <sup>9</sup> Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
That glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Lovingkindness and truth have met together;  
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Truth springs up from the earth,  
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> Indeed, Yahweh will give what is good,  
And our land will yield its produce.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before Him  
And will establish the way of His steps.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Philippians 4:4–7 (NASB)*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 1:19–28 (NASB)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup> And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup> They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup> He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup> John answered them saying, “I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. <sup>27</sup> It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

### 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

sts. 1-4



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - ya year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620-59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

### Sermon

Stand

### Offertory

LSB 192



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -





way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Sit

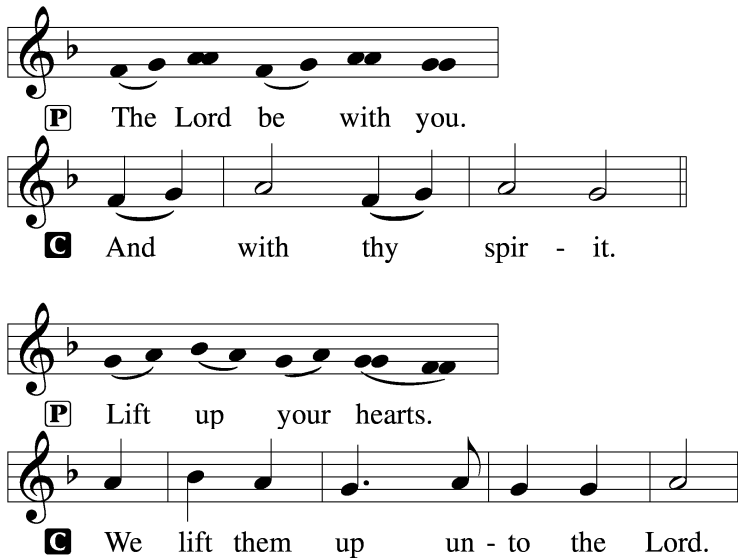
## Presentation of Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir-it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un-to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

Distribution

## 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
 is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
 saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
 drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
 face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
 All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
 This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
 Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
 Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, 1808–72; tr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

Tune: Christlich Neu-vermehrt . . . Gesangbuch, 1663, Erfurt

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### 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925, alt.  
 Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth

### 346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,  
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



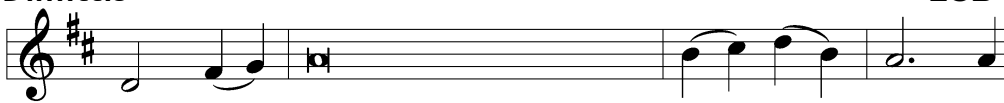
And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.  
Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701  
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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

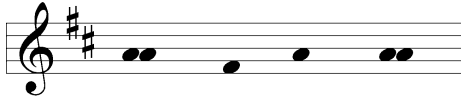




**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



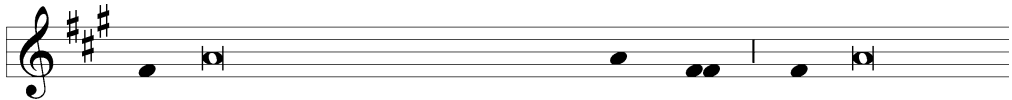
**A** Bless we the Lord.



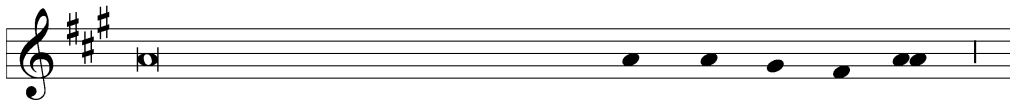
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

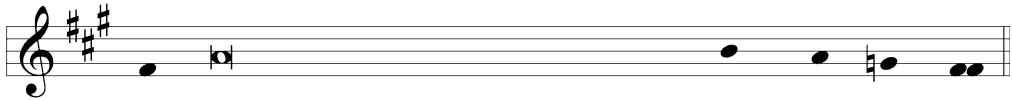
*LSB 202*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

D G D A G A

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this the Christ who was long fore - told.  
 2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el; King who came with no crown or throne.  
 3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el; joy and peace for the wea - ry heart.

D G D A G D

Lo in the sha - dows of Beth - le - hem, pro - mise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.  
 Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble, Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son.  
 Lift up your heads, for your King has come; sing for the light o - ver - whelms the dark.

A G D A G D

God most high in a man - ger laid; lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim:  
 O what wis - dom to save us all, Shep - herds, sa - ges, be - fore Him fall.  
 Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see, hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

G D G D G D A7 D

Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us; join now with the hosts of hea - ven.  
 Grace and ma - jes - ty, what hu - mi - li - ty; come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.  
 God has made a way, He will have the praise; tell the world His name is Je - sus.

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## Prayers and Announcements

**In Our Prayers:** Roy Meyer (recovering), Glen Tabor (Debbra Mach's father, receiving chemo & radiation treatments), Kerin Beall Matthews (Lorna Beall's daughter, hospice), Greg Turner (cancer of the esophagus), Zena Bean (upcoming surgery), Dick Ferkey (health), Dena (Cheryl's friend), Gabriel Marlin, Jeff Carlson (cancer), Cathy Davis, Shut-In: Jen Perry, Sandy McCoy, Peggy Avers, Bill Riley, Gaylene Peters, Brian Pendergrass, Jeanette Seeman, Bill & Helen Donald; **In the Military:** Grady McAllister (Janet's grandson), Patrick Gardner (Jacobsen's grandson), Clay Marlin, James Beall, Zach Sparks, and those we think of privately.



*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:* tonight at 7:00 p.m.

*Christmas Day Service:* Mon., 12-25, at 10:00 am; Brunch served after the service.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School** will not meet today.

**We offer our love & best wishes** to Kyle Moellenhoff & Kayla Oberdieck who will be married in St. Louis next Saturday. There is a basket for cards in the fellowship hall. Please bring them in by Friday, 12-29.

**Ladies' Bible Class & Men's Bible Class** will not meet this week.

**Please Note** the information on the back page on the Soup Cook-Off. This will be held here on Saturday, 1-06 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

**Daily Bible Readings for this week:** **Today**-Luke 2:1-20 ;**Monday**-John 1:1-18; **Tuesday**-John 1:19-34; **Wednesday**-John 1:35-51; **Thursday**-Luke 2:21-38; **Friday**-Luke 2:39-52; **Saturday**-Revelation 21:1-27.

## Our Response to the Lord Last Week

### Stewardship of Souls

Worship Attendance  
 9:00AM - 71  
 Pastor's Class - N/A  
 Sunday School - 6

### Stewardship of Finances

General Offering Last Week  
 \$2,354.00

	<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Serving Next Week</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	David Oberdieck	Mickey Wilkey
<b>Organist</b>	Joy Gaines	Joy Gaines
<b>Elders</b>	Nick Grunwaldt Kyle Moellenhoff	Allen Carothers Larry Jacobsen
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Clark	Allen Carothers
<b>Usher</b>	Todd Kelm Bill Heller	Bill Heller Todd Kelm
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christal Bailey Judy Jacobsen	Christal Bailey Judy Jacobsen

### Weekly Calendar

<b>Today</b>	9:00AM	Worship/Communion
	7:00PM	Candlelight Service
<b>Monday</b>	10:00AM	Christmas Day Worship Service
<b>Thurs</b>	9:30AM	Thursday Girls
	6:30PM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun, 12-31</b>	9:00AM	Worship/Communion
	10:30AM	Christian Education Hour







# SOUP COOK-OFF

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Trinity Lutheran Church



## **Is your soup the best? Does everyone brag about your soup?**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, MO will host a Soup Cook-Off on January 6, 2024, from noon to 3 pm. The public is allowed to compete and come to eat some delicious soup. Please let me know by message on Facebook or at 4176648074 if you want to compete or have questions. You can also contact Candy Hering. Trinity Lutheran Church will provide drinks, sandwiches, and other snacks. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 1300 Kent Drive, Lebanon, MO 65536. This is the church by Boswell Park swimming pool.

If you want to have your soup in the competition, please have your soup at the church by 11:30 am on January 6, 2024. Judging will begin at noon and will end at 2:00 pm. Winners will be announced at 2:30 pm.

This is a free event, and everyone is invited to eat soup.

We will have a devotional regarding Epiphany, board games, trivia, card games, and other fun activities. Please mark your calendar for this event.