



HOLY TRINITY
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Dec. 2021

FROM OUR PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

THE REV. DR. ROB CAVANNA

Dates to Remember

Dec 5	GA Corporate Meeting Noon over Zoom
5	Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Candle of Peace Pledge in
8	Blue Christmas Service 6:30 pm
11	Men & Women's Quiet 1/2 Day 10-12:30 pm (Church Proper)
12	Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Candle of Joy Vestry Meeting 11:30 am
19	Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Candle of Love
24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm Bring the Family!
25	Christmas Day NO SERVICES <i>Merry Christmas!</i>
26	First Sunday of after Christmas 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Looking Ahead

Jan 2	The Epiphany/Ian Ngyoe Baptism
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ADVENT THEME: WAITING IN HOPE

Happy New Year! The new church year is already here. We move now to Year C from Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). We follow the RCL scripture readings along with the major mainline denominations.

The Stewardship Drive, **Every Perfect Gift**, is officially over but it basically continues well into 2022. We've already had one **Pledge In-Gathering** on Sunday, November 21, 2021 and **we'll have another one this Sunday, December 5, 2021**. Thanks you to those of you who responded with a pledge. If you haven't pledged as of yet, please prayerfully consider doing so as this will help us continue building up the Body of Christ at Holy Trinity as well as in all the communities we serve across the Northwest Metro region. As you well know with your own budget, inflation seems to impact everything. Your church's costs are no different. With your pledge, we're able to build a more realistic budget as well as pay the everyday expenses of remaining a viable, vibrant and dynamic faith community.

In spite of COVID, we participated in the 164th Annual ECMN Convention, held a Thanksgiving Community Wide Service and continued to help CAER with food items. We remembered our deceased relatives and friends on All Saints Sunday and prayed for those of you who are sick or in need of prayer. COVID has changed some things but we have continued to look ahead and into the future!

The season of Advent calls you and me into a deeper relationship with Our Savior. That's why this month I'd like to explore what it means to wait and how that can be a good thing as it relates to our life of faith. I base the beginning of this article on John 1:6-8 and 19-28.

The name for this season in the Church year, "Advent," derives from the Latin, **adventus**, which means "a coming, an approach, an arrival": the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah, the Christ, whom we as Christians know as Jesus. **Meanwhile we wait!** If we were to open the Gospel accounts according to Matthew and Luke, we discover a great many people waiting for the Messiah, the Christ. Mary and Joseph are waiting. Zechariah and Elizabeth, Symeon and Anna, are waiting. Shepherds who are waiting. There are some sages from the east – wisemen – who are waiting. The only persons who are not waiting are in Bethlehem, the keepers of an inn. And there's no room in the inn. They're all full up. It's almost impossible to wait if you are full up because waiting takes space; to be able to wait requires an openness or emptiness. And that's a particular challenge and problem especially here in our own culture of instantaneous gratification.

There is a certain ingrained presumption that we should not have to wait. There are two compromising influences in our cultural *zeitgeist* when it comes to waiting. The MasterCard people tell us, "You can have it all, and you can have it now." You don't have to wait. You shouldn't have to wait. (**Waiting is a problem. Waiting is un-American.**) A second confusing influence is more subtle symbolized by the Internet. The technicians who create internet search engines know that the response to someone's click must be within a couple of mini-seconds or else the person moves on to surf somewhere else. I did a Google search on the word "waiting" and I waited 0.38 seconds to get more than 898,000,000 web addresses on this topic of "waiting" but the rest of life is not like that. **Life is full of waiting... which can be so difficult!**

Waiting often implies an impatience, or agony, or anguish. Waiting may seem vacuous or unproductive or useless. And yet, we have to wait all the time. We wait for a response to our inquiry. We wait for a spouse or lover or friend to arrive, or to depart, or to change. We wait for the traffic light to turn, for flowers to bloom. We wait for someone to be healed or for someone to die. We wait for children or godchildren to grow up or to come home. We wait for what will happen between Russia and the Ukraine, with China and Hong Kong. **We wait for justice in our own land, especially for those who have suffered appalling injustice.** We wait for what will happen with the world economy and with the global ecology. We wait to finally get our exam results, our credentials or degree, or our new job, or our vacation time. You may wonder sometimes, "Will it ever happen?" We watch and we wait and we work... and sometimes some of us worry. –So what are you waiting for, and how's the wait?

I'll return to the opening scenes in Matthew and Luke's gospel where the common theme is waiting. The reason we can call it "waiting" (what many of these people are doing) instead of fretting, or stalling or biding time... is because these people have a kind of promise. Each of them, in their

own way, was able to wait because they had some kind of assurance, some reminder, some sign, some inner knowing which spanned the chasm – that empty space – between the present and the future. Somehow they all knew that "in the fullness of time" what they needed would come to be... and so they waited. (Galatians 4:4) And so for us. **Here are several clues that can help lighten the weight of your own waiting:**

- Having to wait presumes that something is not yet complete. If you find yourself anxious just now, in what you're waiting or in what you sense awaits you, there may actually be some good news rather disguised. **Inside the experience of anxiety about the unknown is a seed of hope.** Anxiety is an anticipation of the future... and so is hope. Saint Paul writes (in the Letter to the Romans): "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves... groan inwardly while we wait.... For in hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." (Romans 8:22-25) **If you find yourself waiting anxiously just now, pray for the conversion of your anxiety.** Converted anxiety is hope. **Anxiety is dreadful expectation; hope is expectant desire.** And they are like cousins to each other. **Pray for the conversion of your fretful anxiety into promising hope.** That would be a wonderful Christmas gift. If you are anxious just now, you are almost already hopeful. **Something hopeful is happening in the wait.** The Psalmist says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope." (Psalm 130) If you are anxious, you are almost hopeful. Pray for the conversion of your anxiety into hope.
- **Waiting conforms us to the image of God who waits. God**

waits *with us*, until we are ready. If we take our cues from the scriptures, we hear God's calling us children, "children of God." And we know that children are not developmentally ready to know everything at once. **There is a reason why today is not tomorrow.** If God chooses to give us as much as one more day to be alive, we shall need the provision of today to equip us for the prospect of tomorrow. God knows what we do not know. In the language of the psalmist, we are "like watchmen waiting for the morning," (Psalm 130:6) waiting in the dark. What we can bear to know, God will dawn on us when we are ready. And in the mean time we wait, we *must* wait, and until we are ready or readied. **God waits *with us*.** God also waits *on* us, like a waiter stooping low to serve us where we are and how we are. Sometimes that means that God keeps us in the dark, "hidden under the shadow of God's wings," (Psalm 17:8) until we are ready for "the eyes of our heart to be enlightened." (Ephesians 1:18)

- **Thirdly, our having to wait invites us into the sacrament of the present moment.** A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward grace. The outward signs – why and where we're having to wait – are not accidents, nor impediments, but rather invitations to know God's real presence in the present, in the here and now. We know God as the *alpha* and the *omega* – the beginning and the end of life. We also know God as we meet Jesus *along the way*, God with us now, along the way. The present moment is sacramental, not to be missed. Today is an occasion of grace. Now is the time. There is no future of God in our lives unless there is a presence of God in our lives, now. If you find yourself tempted to flee from the present – which is to flee from the presence, the presence of God – *these* are the moments where God is meeting you,

now. **The present moment is sacramental. God is with you, really present with you now. Really.**

Waiting is nothing passive. It is not about bearing one blow, one shove in life after another, with our only response being a limp resignation. Waiting is not a limp submission. Rather, waiting is an active acknowledgment to God's being at work in our life, even in ways beyond what we could ask or imagine, probably in the waiting. (Ephesians 3:20-21) We read in the Gospel according to Matthew, "You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:42-44) That's a promise. That's not a caution about how God *might* come to us in the end but an assurance of how God *does* come to us all the time. The waiting is promising. "You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." **We can expect that God will come to us, again and again, even unexpectedly. Look for it; watch for it; wait for it.**

This Advent embrace this word "waiting" into the vocabulary of your soul. It's a rather counter-cultural word – waiting! – but it actually *is* an important foundation piece to our faith. (Simone Weil 1909-1943, the great French activist and spiritual writer, says "waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life.") What are you doing? You say to yourself, "Oh, I'm waiting," which can be quite adventurous and promising. **If you need a sign from God while you wait, ask God for a sign. Let the word "waiting" replace worrying, or clamoring, or demanding, or resigning.** You're waiting for what is coming-to-be in your life. You are waiting on God, who is waiting on you for what shall come to be in your life when you are ready or when you have been readied. **Watch for it, wait for it, with thanksgiving and with great expectation: how the God of life is coming to you in good time, all the time, even now. Really.**

Pray that you and I prepare ourselves to receive the Christ Child into our

hearts this Christmas. One way to do this will be to participate in an **Advent Quiet Half-Day** on Saturday, December 11, 2021, 10 am to 12:30 pm. We will be having some meditation/reflection time as well as some appropriate readings and meaningful prayers. Sign up on the clipboard near the office. This event is for both men and women.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to Jesus Christ and our beloved Holy Trinity. **Consider coming back to in-person worship on Sunday. You are truly missed!** Join us this Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm as we celebrate Christ's Nativity and all that it means for the world. **Blessed Christmas wishes for you and your family!** May peace and plenty be the first to latch on your door and may happiness be guided to your home by the candle of Christmas. May the good saints protect you and bless you today. And may trouble ignore you each step of the way. Christmas joy to you and let go, let God!

In the love of Christ,
Fr. Rob+



Christmas Season Services

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve** — 4:00 pm
Festive Candlelight Service

Dec. 25 Christmas Day — **No Services**

Dec. 26 **First Sunday after Christmas**
10:00 am **New Year Celebration**

Jan. 2, 2022 **The Epiphany** —
10:00 am **Baptism & Message**

JUNIOR WARDEN GARY WEDL

Nothing to report, but Annie and I wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone at Holy Trinity a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It was one of the smartest moves we ever made when we decided to join Holy Trinity, and we have never regretted it for a minute.

Gary and Ann Wedl

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

of SOLACE and COMFORT



Wednesday
December 8, 2021
6:30 pm

**A Community Wide Service for
Those Living with Loss, Depression,
Anxiety and Struggle and COVID!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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ADVENT RETREAT

**Advent Quiet Half Day
For Men & Women**

**Saturday, December 11, 2021
10:00 am—12:30 pm**

*Participate in this half day retreat away from
your devices and all of life's daily challenges.*

For Whom: Men and women of all ages regardless of church affiliation.

What: Reflective prayer, meditation, and readings relevant to your life.

Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
1326 4th St. NW, Elk River, MN

Cost: Free will offering

Register: Call office: 763-441-5482 or
Email: office@holytrinityelkriver.org

We've just celebrated one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving Day. The day always brings back so many memories for me, people, food, smells and tastes included. What were you grateful for this Thanksgiving?



This is also the season of commitment and an in-gathering of financial pledges at Church. Many of you have already made your decisions for the 2022 year, but if you haven't, please consider the possibilities for you and your family. Yes, money is important, but there are other aspects of commitment and giving. Think about your activities at church, which I know are different than in years past because of the pandemic. Think about the opportunities that are still available. I know you've heard all of this before, but I'm still going to give you an example!

We have a small group that gathers on Thursday afternoons around 2PM. We started as the crochet group that created prayer shawls. We quickly moved to include knitting because not all of us can crochet. Now we also fold, staple, and process bulletins for church, newsletters for the mail, and various other things that need to be done. I'm not sure we are an official group, but we still get together, with 2 or 6, it doesn't matter. And we have fun! We closed down for a while last year because of the pandemic, but began again when church reopened in May. We wear masks often, sit spaced out, and don't routinely eat or drink while in Moyer Hall. No one pays us, we provide our own supplies, but we believe we are doing God's work for His Glory and the comfort of parishioners. This activity is a form of committed giving (time and talent), and we love every minute of it.

Please consider finding a way for you to express your commitment to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, both monetary and other ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Herrmann, Senior Warden



Advent for Afghans: Welcoming Our Newest Neighbors.



The Commission for the Diaconate and all ECMN deacons, along with Bishop Loya, are inviting all faith communities in ECMN to take part in *Advent for Afghans: Welcoming Our Newest Neighbors*. During the four Sundays of Advent, we will be raising awareness across the diocese for our Afghan allies that have made their way to safety in the United States and here in Minnesota. We will be joining efforts with Episcopal Migration Ministries and their local partner, the Minnesota Council of Churches, to achieve this goal. In the coming weeks and days we will post information concerning everything you need to know about the obligations a faith community needs to meet in order to Co-Sponsor an Afghan family. See below for resources to support this effort, whether or not your faith community is able to sponsor a family. While there are so many different ways for individuals and faith communities to walk with our new neighbors, the most essential way is prayer.

Starting on Advent One we will pray together, with the whole ECMN family, prayers written for our Afghan allies, as well as God's blessing on our efforts. On the third Sunday of Advent (pink candle Sunday) in addition to our prayer we would ask that each faith community dedicate the loose offering in the collection plate to the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program. As our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us, "The ministry of offering welcome to those fleeing violence is nothing less than God's work—one that calls us to walk the way of love as Jesus of Nazareth taught us, through compassion, through practical care, showing to our newest neighbors that we are neighbors." Amen.

"People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way."

SERVICE

DAVE RAITZ

One last inspection of our Adopt-a-Park (Riverview) before the snow flies was quick. Nothing to report. It's a small neighborhood park and I'm not sure how much it gets used.

Thanks Ya'll, Dave Raitz



MEN'S GROUP *** (Co-Ed)

DAVE RAITZ

To-do list?? There's a few things that will be mentioned again in the spring. Obviously we'll have better weather, more time, and I hope better support. For many reasons this "group" has shrunk considerably over the past several years, now down to just the same few guys. Better support? That's why these * * * are here. This could be, should be an All-Holy Trinity group.

Name change welcome, submit your recommendation today.

Thanks Ya'll Dave Raitz



Notes from ECMN Convention

The 2021 Convention was scheduled for November 5th and 6th in Bemidji. Due to COVID numbers, the convocation moved on-line, with the Bishop and team leading from the shores of Lake Bemidji.

Friday night, November 5th, was the 164th business meeting for the diocese with Joyce Le-Claire, Mary Brugger and Rob Cavanna in attendance as voting members representing Holy Trinity.

The meeting opened with the Bishop introducing the location and talking about the importance of the location, of the vibrant faith communities near there, and the importance of Mahnomen (Wild Rice) to the peoples living there. A representative from the online polling service led us through a practice vote and made sure we were all able to log in for voting.

The Bishop's address was the opening major agenda item. He listed the accomplishments for his first year. We as a group have learned to live on-line. Bishop Loya was installed. George Floyd died, and we committed to support of those suffering. We connected more outside of the church, going inside only when safe. We learned to change the format of meetings and classes in a short period of time. He said "We have faced five years' worth of challenges in 22 months. Although we don't know the future, we do have a road map, a guide. We are called to act like Jesus."

He asked for four agreements:

We must believe in Jesus and look to Jesus as a model for what is to come.

We need to agree to act as though we are one body. (You will find the ECMN web site refers to one church with 104 locations)

We need to be patient: with ourselves, with God, and with each other.

We must agree to die. Let go of our ways of being church, returning to the simplicity of being and making disciples.

Love is the most powerful force for change and healing. Our world is starving for it.

His entire address is available on the ECMN site. We encourage you to listen to it. The link is below and under the stories section of the ECMNMN.ORG site.

<https://episcopalmn.org/sites/default/files/resource/Bishop%E2%80%99s%20Address%20to%20164th%20Convention.pdf>



Following the address, the 240 participants were broken into small groups to discuss the Bishop's remarks using the following questions: What is it that stays with us? What does it look like to act like we are on the same team? What does it mean to die?

After those discussions, the business meeting truly began. We were lectured on Parliamentary Procedure, how to address the group, and how to vote. We practiced voting. One of the votes was used to determine attendance for the required quorum. 103 Clergy and 117 Lay delegates were reported as present. The remainder of those gathered on Zoom were non-voting attendees and support teams.

The group adopted the standing rules, the agenda, and the consent calendar. All these items are available in the Convention Business Booklet, a copy of which is on the table outside of the Holy Trinity Office.

The chair of the Standing Committee reported on the review of the Bishop's Search and transition process that the group did following Craig Loya's election. There is more work to do by this group during the next business year. They recommended that the \$100,000 remaining in the Bishop Search account be set aside to fund future efforts. They also recommended that the next Triannual Budget include an amount to be added over time with the full expense of another Search and Transition estimated at \$300,000.

Next came the elections for the governing bodies of ECMN.

For the Standing Committee, the group which oversees ECMN in the absence of the Bishop, two lay and two clergy were elected to three-year terms. One clergy was elected to fill a one-year vacancy.

Lay members: Suzanne Sherman from Spirit of the Wilderness in Grand Marais and Craig Warren from St David's in Minnetonka.

Clergy members: Tim Kingsley from St Mark's Cathedral and Brenda Hoffman from Ascension in Stillwater were elected to 3-year terms. Christine Fair Beebe from ECMN was elected to a one-year term.

For the Commission on Ministry one clergy and one lay delegate were elected for three-year terms. Peter Stebinger from St. John The Baptist in Minneapolis and Laura Bathke from St Matthew's in St Paul were elected for those respective positions.

For the Trustees who oversee property and investments, three members were elected. Whether they were Clergy or Lay does not matter for

this group. Aquila Roberts-Ford from St Andrew's in Minneapolis, Beth Royalty from Calvary in Rochester, and Jonathan Strand from St Stephen's in Edina were elected.

Following those elections, the Financial Statement of Mission (Budget) was presented and reviewed at a high level. The delegates had seen the materials during the Fall Mission Area Gatherings. Primary items of note include MMS, the amount each parish contributes to ECMN will stay at the current levels. The budget has been restructured to support the primary areas of focus. A new position of Canon for Congregational Vitality and Innovation has been added and will be filled soon. This position will collaborate with the different mission areas, especially those outside of the Metro area and will also focus on a revival of Team Ministries. The position of Canon for Operations and Chief of Staff was moved to the Bishop's budget lines. This was a new position in 2021. The changes needed to restructure and develop our priorities will be funded by an additional draw of .8% from the Pooled Investment Funds over the next three years. The average return on those funds for the last three years has been 6% which is well over the proposed draw.

The Financial Statement of Mission was approved by the delegates.

One Canonical Amendment, adding full approval of virtual business meetings was also approved. Other changes were tabled for 2022 due to the last-minute virtual nature of the convention.

The Bishop awarded the Whipple Cross to our Parliamentarian, Reverend Mark Kemp, for his service as Chaplain, Rector and Parliamentarian.

The Business Meeting closed at 6:57 PM.

Saturday started with Morning Prayer, followed by two sets of Breakouts. Joyce LeClaire attended the session led by the Bishop on Post-Pandemic Vitality: Focusing on the Essentials and Mary Brugger attended a session led by Christine Luna Munger from the Episcopal House of Prayer on Discipleship and Faithful Innovation: How do Congregations Hear God's Call to do something new? The second sessions were Discipleship: Storytelling: Practical Skills to Deepen Your Relationship with God & Others led by the Missioner for Communication and attended by Mary along with Discipleship & Justice: Praying toward God's Justice with Heidi Kim attended by Joyce.

Next year's 165th Convention will be held October 27-29, 2022, in Rochester.



Special Blessings to all our
December Birthday Trinitarians!

01 – Mariatu Andersen 12 – Carol Weber 20 – David Fensch
02 – Camden Marquette 12 – Holly Goodwin 31 – Ginny Anderson
05 – Jackson Stewart 13 – Lindsey Latteman
11 – Julie Raitz 18 – Matt Krogman

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Women's Group	Linda Krieger 763-441-7072 Pauline Hoffine 763-688-4540
Men's Group	Dave Raitz 763-280-0786



**33rd Annual
Christmas
Holiday Dinner
December 25th
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the Holiday Season with us.
FREE Christmas dinner served by
Elk River Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
Made possible by a community that cares.

Come one, Come all

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525 Railroad Drive

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Happy Holidays

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Holy Trinity Happenings Advent/Christmas

Looking Ahead: December/January

Dec. 5th 10:00 am, 2nd Sunday of Advent Holy
Eucharist; Candle of Peace
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Dec. 8th Blue Christmas Service 6:30pm
Dec. 11th Advent Retreat 10:00-12:30 pm
Dec. 12th 10:00 am, 3rd Sunday of Advent Holy
Eucharist; Candle of Joy
Vestry Meeting 11:30 am
Dec. 19th 10:00 am, 4th Sunday of Advent Holy
Eucharist; Candle of Love
Dec. 24th 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec. 25th Christmas Day—No Services
Dec. 26th 10:00 am, First Sunday after Christmas
Jan. 2nd The Epiphany & Ian Ngoye Baptism

**Counters are needed to count the
Sunday Offering, record it and
work with Jeff Nagorski.**

**Feast Days in
December**

6th Nicholas, Bishop of
Myra
21st St Thomas, Apostle
26th St Stephen, Deacon and
Martyr
27th St. John, Apostle and
Evangelist
28th Holy Innocents



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Ministry Rota

If you are unable to fill your volunteer position, please make your own substitution and leave word with the office. ~~Thank you!~~

Liturgy Ministry Rota —Advent Season

Altar Guild: Gail Weber

Ministry	<u>Dec. 5th</u>	<u>Dec. 8th</u>	<u>Dec. 12th</u>	<u>Dec. 19th</u>
Greeter	Dan Krieger	Daryl Herrmann	Ginny Anderson	Jane Lindenfesler
Usher	Walter Kaminsky	Jerry Waite	Dustin Campbell	Dave Raitz
Acolyte	Daryl Herrmann	Lyla Aaland	Mo Campbell	Elijah Campbell
1st Reader	Gail Weber	Mo Campbell	Larry Brugger	Youth
2nd Reader	Marion Marshall	Daryl Herrmann	Mary Brugger	Youth
Prayers	Dustin Campbell	Jane Lindenfesler	Mary Dare	Linda Krieger

Ministry	<u>Dec. 24th</u>	<u>Dec. 26th</u>	<u>Jan 2</u>
Greeter	Jeanne Simonson	Ginny Anderson	Dick Anderson
Usher	Dan Krieger	Walter Kaminsky	Jerry Waite
Acolyte	Mo Campbell	Lyla Aaland	Daryl Herrmann
1st Reader	Gail Weber	Mary Brugger	Marion Marshall
2nd Reader	Larry Brugger	Mary Dare	Jane Lindenfesler
Prayers	Dustin Campbell	Linda Krieger	Pauline Hoffine

Please, if you're not able to serve, please find your replacement.

Our Mission Statement

Holy Trinity is a diverse, multi-cultural church unified in Holy Communion and grounded in the Gospel. We embrace all people as equally beloved children of God. We are committed to acting as the hands and feet of Jesus, expressing His love in the world while lifting each other up in community.



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From Bishop Loya

"They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither."

—Psalm 1:3

Beloved in Christ,

This past fall, I invited the whole diocese to begin every gathering, large and small, with Dwelling in the Word, using the same text for the last three months of the season after Pentecost (John 15:1-11). As we enter into this season of Advent, we are dwelling together in a new text (Matthew 4:17-22).

Our central calling as disciples is to announce the good news of what God has done in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus with, in, and through everything we do. The only way we can be faithful to that calling is if we are OFFICERegularly and intentionally allowing God to nourish us from the riches of God's grace. One of the primary ways we open ourselves to that nourishment is by returning to stories and passages of scripture over and over again, until they saturate our hearts and shape our imaginations in a Godward direction. My own experience of dwelling in the John 15 passage almost every day for the past three months is that, by the end, I was so tired of hearing it I could barely stand to read it one more time. And yet, it is precisely at that point that I was part of the richest, most honest, and most nourishing conversations about it.

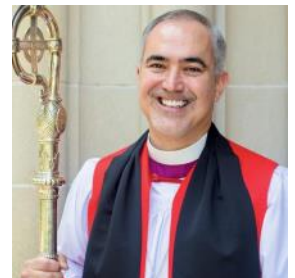
Just as our bodies need food and water to survive, our spirits need the nourishment of God's promises in scripture every single day in order to thrive. Life is hard. The demands of work and family are unrelenting, and our fallen and sinful world always offer plenty of opportunities for despair. All of us can often feel like we are walking through a barren landscape, parched and starving. Developing a daily practice of resting in the promises of God through scripture can help transform that barren desert into a flourishing oasis.

The challenges before us as a church and as a larger human family won't be met by our own efforts and willpower. They will only be met by the power of the living God. As we navigate the landscape of our lives in these weeks of watching and waiting, there is nothing any of us can do that is more important than yoking ourselves daily to that living God's power and love. I am so grateful for the many insights the Spirit has given us as we have dwelled together in John these past months, and I look forward to continuing to meet God's promises in fresh and new ways, so that together we can truly be like trees planted by streams of water, bearing the fruit of love and peace for the healing of the world, with leaves that do not wither.

[Find the text and instructions for Dwelling in Scripture here.](#)

Grace and peace,

The Right Reverend Craig Loya
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OPEN DOORS
— FOR YOUTH —

As a supporting church for Open Doors for Youth, the holiday season is an opportunity for us to continue to assist this worthy organization. You can do that by bringing in an unwrapped gift to the church before the end of December. These are some suggestions: towel sets, shampoo/body wash, toilet paper, hair accessories, duffle bags, sheets, manicure sets, wallets, insulated mugs, sunglasses, hoodies and joggers.

Don't forget to sign up to purchase your Christmas Poinsettia. It will grace the altar on Christmas Eve and then it is yours to take home.



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am-4 pm Fr. Rob's office hours & Fr. Rob by appt	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist Candle of Peace! GA Corp Mtg Noon over Zoom	6	7	8 10 am-4 pm Fr. Rob's office hours & Fr. Rob by apt Blue Christmas Service; 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Men & Women's Quiet 1/2 Day; 10:00-12:30 pm Church Proper
12 Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist Candle of Joy Vestry Meeting 11:30 am	13	14	15 10 am-4 pm Fr. Rob's office hours & Fr. Rob by appt	16	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist Candle of Love Vestry Meeting 11:30 am	20	21	22 10 am-4 pm Fr. Rob's office hours & Fr. Rob by appt	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm Bring the Family!	25 Christmas Day NO SERVICES Merry Christmas!
26 First Sunday after Christmas 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist	27	28	29 10 am-4 pm Fr. Rob's office hours & Fr. Rob by appt	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day/The Holy Name of Jesus
Jan 2 <i>The Epiphany / Ian Ngyoe Baptism</i>						