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INVITATION TO INVITE - One of the most effective tools for growth in congregations is the simple invitation by a member to another, whether that other be family, friend, colleague or someone we meet in passing. You are therefore invited to invite. Now is good . . .

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OUR MISSION:

We seek to be . . .

- *a melting pot of believers in Jesus Christ whose hearts are open to embrace the world around us;*
- *a place of healing, comfort and safety for all God's children;*
- *a house of worship faithful to the traditions of the Episcopal Church and open to the joyful action of the Holy Spirit*

With God's help, we will . . . Seek Christ in all persons; Serve others; and Strive to be a vibrant, growing and visible Episcopal community of faith.

***Sunday, December 24, 2017
The Fourth Sunday of Advent***

Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 24, 2017

Introit *Make Way by Graham Kendrick*

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1,3,7,8* Hymnal 56

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Kyrie Canon by Ken Udell (*please leave the music inserts on the ushers table in the Narthex*)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have

been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to our Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
 Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
 for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to our Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The Angel Gabriel* **Hymnal 265**

Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38
All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a

man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily **The Rev. David A. Brower**

Nicene Creed *all standing (as able)* BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People – Form III BCP p. 387

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

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**Holy Trinity Parish Prayers**  
ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER  
 PRAY for the Diocese of Yola (Nigeria)  
DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF PRAYER  
 Michael B. Curry – Presiding Bishop  
 Wayne Hougland – Bishop of Western Michigan

**Wendell Gibbs** – Bishop of Michigan  
**The Standing Committee** – the Diocese of Eastern Michigan  
**Rayford Ray** – Bishop of Northern Michigan  
**Julio Holguin** – Bishop of the Dominican Republic  
**Justin Welby** – Archbishop of Canterbury  
**Craig Satterlee** – Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA Church in America  
**Ed Emenheiser** – Our Rector Emeritus  
**David Brower** – our Interim Rector  
**Brad Allard** – Our Deacon  
**Healing Racism Commission**, Sue York, Chair Province V, Genevieve Callard, President

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN DISCERNMENT**

We pray for all those in our diocese who are discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our diocese who are preparing for the Sacred Order of **Priests**, including the following: **Radha, Pete, Kellan, Michael, Eileen, Allen**

We pray also for those in our diocese who are preparing for the Sacred Order of **Deacons**, including: **Brother Francis, Janet, Pat, Elizabeth, Wendy**

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR OF PRAYER**

**Bob, Kristin, & Lucas Simonson; Gary Skidmore & Lorie Baker; Jack Sooter**  
**Sergeant Austin Vincent (Marines)**, grandson of Angie Vincent. Austin is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA.  
**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Roger Anderson (Air Force)**, son of Chip & Kelley Anderson. Roger is stationed in North Carolina.  
**LT Sean Newman (Navy)**, grandson of Ron Newman. Sean is stationed in King Bay, GA.  
**All men & women** of our armed forces.  
**Mary Kamara**, mother of Wata Akoi  
**All those seeking employment.**  
**To bless and strengthen the members of our prayer chain as they pray for special needs.**  
**We give Thanksgiving** for the visitors in our midst. Help us to show them your love.

**FOR THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS – HOLY TRINITY**

|            |           |           |             |           |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Wata A.    | Emily A.  | Kelley A. | Betty B.    | Robert B. |
| Aleeyah B. | Alivia B. | Jack S.   | Rick C.     | Cienna D. |
| Judy D.    | Jasper F. | Olivia H. | Irma H.     | Karen J.  |
| Tom K.     | Kirk M.   | Sally T.  | Bettiann T. | Angie V.  |
| Lillian B. | Brenym    | Debbie    |             |           |

**FOR THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS FROM:**

Holy Spirit  
 Soldiers of Christ Apostolic Church  
 Iglesia Cordero De Dios  
 Sudanese Grace Episcopal Congregation  
 Blessed and Enduring Ministry

**Peace**

**Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* **Hymnal 66**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B** **BCP p. 367**

**Sanctus by Ken Udell** (*insert*)

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*traditional*) **BCP p. 364**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Communion Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* **Hymnal 325**

*\*Individuals are welcome to come forward to the Altar rail for prayers for healing*

**Post communion Prayer** **BCP p. 365**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn** *Soon and Very Soon* **SANC 106**

**Dismissal**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Want to add an announcement to the bulletin? Email it to [contactus@holytrinitywyo.org](mailto:contactus@holytrinitywyo.org) or leave a note on the office desk by Tuesdays at 9am

### Flowers Advent

### Birthdays this week

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Karen Johnston    | 12/19 |
| Evan LaNore       | 12/20 |
| Louis Jacobson II | 12/24 |
| Joseph Jacobson   | 12/24 |
| Sarah Puzan       | 12/26 |

### Anniversaries

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Dan & Mary Kozera | 12/18 |
| Bryce & Pat Hoff  | 12/28 |

### Coffee Hour Schedule

**Everyone!!!** Fr. David is providing Eggnog so please bring a snack/treat to share!

**The sign up sheet for 2018 available! Sign up soon to get the dates you want!**

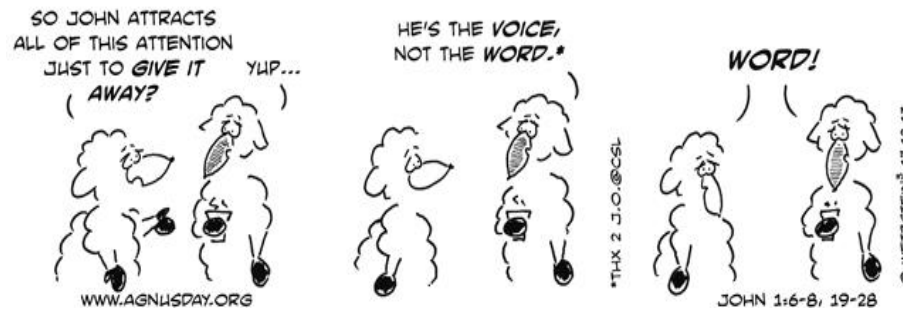


### ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for joining us! **Please** sign our guest book out in the Narthex, next to the church office door. We hope you enjoyed our service. We enjoyed having you here and hope to see you again. **NEED THE NURSERY?** Please ask the Ushers/Greeters for assistance.

### Family Network of Wyoming Non-perishable food items are

always needed as well as personal care items (toiletries) and paper products (paper towel and toilet paper). Please put any donations in the bins under the table in the Narthex. Thank you!



### **Important dates to remember...**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent services will be at **10am** with Fr. Brower's Egg Nog to follow. **Please** bring a snack to share! There will be a candle light service at **10:30pm** with carol sing, slide program by Fr. David, candle lighting and eucharist.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** there will be morning prayer service with Brad at 10am.

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** is the Annual Meeting Date! Mark your calendars. Vestry will provide the coffee hours snacks. We are looking for 3 new members for the Vestry to replace Melissa, Beth, and Arend.



## **THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> OR 31<sup>ST</sup>!**

**Becky Wells** will continue to collect bags for as long as she volunteers at the Community Food Club. THANK YOU for your grocery bag donations! (you may leave donations on the shelf above the coat rack)

**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

| Date                   | Ushers                           | Greeters | Acolytes                          | Altar Guild                       | Counters          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 12/24/2017<br>10am svc | U: Barb & Keith<br>G: Barb & Tim |          | Lisa/Becky,<br>Mady,<br>Magnus    | 12/23-29<br>Becky &<br>Wata       | Tim &<br>Arend    |
| 12/31/2017             | U: Meg & Ron<br>G: Mary & Dan    |          | Beth,<br>Nolan,<br>Grayson        | 12/30-<br>1/5<br>Barb &<br>Debbie | Barb &<br>Melissa |
| 1/7/2018               |                                  |          | Christian,<br>Allen, &<br>Madison | 1/6-1/12<br>Beth &<br>Carolyn     | Allen &<br>Debbie |
| 1/14/2008              |                                  |          | Brady, Lily,<br>Evan              | 1/13-<br>1/19<br>Lisa &<br>Troy   | Mark &<br>Lisa    |
| 1/21/2018              |                                  |          | Lisa/Becky,<br>Mady,<br>Magnus    | 1/20-<br>1/26<br>Barb &<br>Lynda  | Melissa &<br>Beth |
| Date                   | Old Testament / Epistle          |          | Prayers of the People             | Chalice                           |                   |
| 12/24/2017<br>10am     | Dennis<br>Dennis                 |          | Bill A                            | Becky<br>Dennis                   |                   |
| 12/24/2017<br>10:30pm  | Meg<br>Evan                      |          | Ron                               | Meg<br>Lynda                      |                   |
| 12/31/2017             |                                  |          |                                   |                                   |                   |

**(Note: for questions regarding Readings, Prayers of the People, or chalice serving please contact Ron Tiller)**



**This Week  
at a Glance**

|                                |                |                                                        |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Today,<br>Sunday<br>12/24/2017 | <b>10:00am</b> | Holy Eucharist – The Rev.<br>David A Brower, Officiant |
|                                | 10:00am        | NO Sunday School                                       |
|                                | 11:30am        | Coffee Hour – Egg Nog and<br>pot luck snacks!          |
|                                | 2:00pm         | Soldiers Of Christ Apostolic<br>Church                 |
|                                | 5:00pm         | Iglesia Cordero De Dios                                |
| Monday                         | 7:00pm         | SAA Meeting                                            |
| Wednesday                      | 11:00am        | Holy Eucharist – Chapel                                |
|                                | 7:00pm         | NA Meeting                                             |
| Sunday<br>12/24/2017           | <b>10:30pm</b> | Holy Eucharist – The Rev.<br>David A Brower, Officiant |
| Monday<br>12/25                | 10:00am        | Morning Prayer with Deacon<br>Brad Allard              |
| Monday                         | 7:00pm         | SAA Meeting                                            |
| Wednesday                      | 11:00am        | Holy Eucharist - Chapel                                |
|                                | 7:00pm         | NA Meeting                                             |