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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 31, 2017
The First Sunday after Christmas

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Sequence Hymn *Of the Father's Love* **Hymnal 82**

Holy Gospel John 1:1-18
All stand.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 Zululand (South Africa)

**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

**Moises Mota** – 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

**Diocesan Office Staff:** **William** Spaid, Canon to the Ordinary; **Molly** Ettwein, Bishop's Administrative Assistant; **Gennie** Callard, Bishop's Assistant for Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries; **Tammy** Mazure, Bishop's



**Flowers**

**Birthdays this week**

Keith Kuzins 1/4  
Jan Kirkland 1/5

**Anniversaries**

**Coffee Hour Schedule**

***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!

HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION:  
WHAT IF MARY HADN'T  
BELIEVED GABRIEL'S  
MESSAGE?

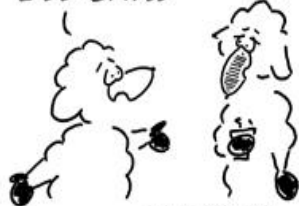


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GOOD THING  
SHE DID.

I'LL SAY!!



LUKE 1:26-38

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**Important dates to remember...**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>** is the Holy Trinity Mid-Winter Bowling Blast and Pizza Party! See the poster on the main door for more information and sign up in the Narthex!

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** is the Annual Meeting with coffee hour provided by the Vestry. PLEASE be sure to attend as we will be voting in 3 new Vestry members that will be replacing Melissa Puzan, Arend Beerthuis, and Beth Smith.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY  
SCHOOL DECEMBER 31ST!**

**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       |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 12/31/2017 | U: Meg & Ron<br>G: Mary & Dan |          | Beth, Nolan, Grayson        | 12/30-1/5<br>Barb & Debbie      | Barb & Melissa |
| 1/7/2018   |                               |          | Christian, Allen, & Madison | 1/6-1/12<br>Beth & Carolyn      | Allen & Debbie |
| 1/14/2008  |                               |          | Brady, Lily, Evan           | 1/13-1/19<br>Lisa & Troy        | Mark & Lisa    |
| 1/21/2018  |                               |          | Lisa/Becky, Mady, Magnus    | 1/20-1/26<br>Barb & Lynda       | Melissa & Beth |
| 1/28/2018  |                               |          | Beth, Nolan, Grayson        | 1/27-2/2<br>Meredith & Courtney | Arend & Barb   |

| Date       | Old Testament / Epistle | Prayers of the People | Chalice |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 12/31/2017 | No Schedule Available   |                       |         |
| 1/7/2018   |                         |                       |         |
| 1/14/2018  |                         |                       |         |

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



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|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Today, Sunday 12/31/2017 | 10:00am | Holy Eucharist – The Rev. David A Brower, Officiant |
|                          | 10:00am | NO Sunday School                                    |
|                          | 11:30am | Coffee Hour – Akoi celebration                      |
|                          | 2:00pm  | Soldiers Of Christ Apostolic Church                 |
|                          | 5:00pm  | Iglesia Cordero De Dios                             |
| Monday                   | 7:00pm  | SAA Meeting                                         |
| Wednesday                | 11:00am | Holy Eucharist – Chapel                             |
|                          | 7:00pm  | NA Meeting                                          |
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