



# THE TORCH – December 2020

*“O blessed, holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, This day Your name be uppermost!”*

## **The Lord’s Prayer** *“Amen.”*

*“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.” ~ James 1:6-7*

What’s the point of prayer if we don’t believe that God will do it? Our Lord said, *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”* (Mk 11:24) Do you believe that? Or is prayer simply wishful thinking? Where is our confidence when it comes to prayer?

Luther teaches in his Catechism,

*“This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means ‘yes, yes, it shall be so.’”*

The certainty of prayer rests on the command and the promise of Jesus. He commanded us when He gave us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment and when He taught us the Our Father:

*“when you pray, say...”* (Lk 11:1-2);

*“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.”*

While we have a duty to pray, there’s also a promise. As St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said, *“God gives us whatever we ask for in prayer, or better.”* And the Psalms say, *“Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you”* (Ps 50:15).

Between these two – command and promise – we have plenty of reason to pray. We’re both prodded by the command and invited by the Gospel. What’s more, He even provides the very words for us to pray and joins us in the prayer. So, when we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we may be confident that what we ask is pleasing to our Father in heaven and heard by Him. Such confidence is faith in the promise and faithful obedience to the command. Without this confidence, there is no prayer, and, as St. James says,

*“the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.”* (James 1:6-7)

To mark this confidence – this faith – our Lord has also given us a word to confess: *“Amen.”* *“Amen”* means much more than *“the end,”* even if that’s how we end our prayers. But why? What is this word *‘Amen’*?

Amen is actually a Hebrew word, which means ‘belief’ or ‘truth’. Amen is the word of bold confession, the voice of confidence, the *“yes, yes, it shall be so!”* In fact, Luther says,

*“But all depends upon this, that we learn also to say ‘Amen.’”* (Large Catechism, III.119)

*‘Amen’* is what faith is given to say. It’s the word that clings to the promise, despite what the eyes see or experience has

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shown. And *‘amen’* is *our* word, *your* word. Every time a blessing is bestowed: *“Amen!”* Every time gifts are given: *“Amen!”* Every true confession or just verdict: *“Amen!”* When you kneel at the altar and hear *“This is My Body...This is My Blood”*: *“Amen!”* When a child is baptized into the name of the Holy Trinity: *“Amen!”* When sins are forgiven: *“Amen!”* When the Psalms are prayed and glory is given to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: *“Amen!”* When prayer is offered according to our Lord’s command and promise: *“Amen!”* When we confess the creed and even our own sins: *“Amen!”* Wherever our Lord’s word and work are true, and His gifts are given according to His promise: *“Amen! Amen! Amen!”*

This is *your* word! Don’t be so shy to use it! Confess and confess boldly: *“Yes, yes, it shall be so!”* Our *‘amen’* is like the Blessed Virgin Mary, who at the promise of the Angel said, *“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”* (Lk 1:38)

As Martin Chemnitz said,

*“By this word ‘amen,’ faith shows itself not to doubt or to be carried about with the waves of mistrust. Faith does not doubt whether God will hear us and will do those things for which we ask. Instead, it strongly confesses that as God has commanded us to ask and has promised that he will hear, so he will faithfully perform and accomplish our requests. Again, by this word, faith stirs up itself, upholds, defends, and confirms itself against doubting.”* (Chemnitz, 103)

*‘Amen’* is, as St. Jerome said, *“The seal of prayer.”* It’s our confession of faith and rejection of doubt. It’s holding God to His word and not letting Him be any other God than He has promised to be. It confirms the truth and rejects the lie. It receives the gifts and looks for more to come.

But be careful not to lend your *‘Amen’* to lies or to prayers that can’t find their promise or command in Christ. Don’t give your *‘amen’* to false confessions, false lives, false promises, or threats. Pay attention to what is prayed, taught, and lived; and give your *‘amen’* accordingly. It is, after all, the word of confidence, of *faith*. So it is the word we’re given to confess before Christ and Him alone. As St. Paul says,

*“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”* (2 Cor 1:20).

Jesus is the *‘Amen.’* He is faith and truth and the embodiment of confidence before the Father. His *‘amen’* is now our *‘amen,’* just as His Father has become *“Our Father...”*

Yours in Christ Jesus, our *“Amen,”*  
Pastor Boyle

## RECEIVING CHRIST'S GIFTS

### Our Upcoming Worship

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	OLD TESTAMENT	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	HYMNS			
Advent	Dec. 2	Midweek Advent I (Trinity)	Psalm 25			332	351	Ps 25	
	Dec. 6	Advent II <i>Populus Zion</i>	Mal. 4:1-6	Rom. 15:4-13	Lk. 21:25-36	333	336	334, 346, 349, 350	355
	Dec. 9	Midweek Advent II (Trinity)	Isaiah 62:1-12			334	347	Ps 80	
	Dec. 13	Advent III <i>Gaudete</i>	Is. 40:1-11	1 Cor. 4:1-5	Matt. 11:2-11	344	345	349, 350, 343, 346	347
	Dec. 16	Midweek Advent III (Trinity)		Phil 4:4-20		333	345	Ps 85	
	Dec. 20	Advent IV <i>Rorate Coeli</i>	Deut. 18:15-19	Phil. 4:4-7	Jn. 1:19-28	355	357	350, 343, 346, 349	351
	Dec. 23	Midweek Advent IV (Trinity)	Isa 45:8-13			356	357	Ps 19	
Christmas	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve – Lessons & Carols (Grace)	Is. 7:10-14	1 Jn. 4:7-16	Matt. 1:18-25	376, 382, 386	359, 361, 356	364, 368	370, 380, 363
	Dec. 24	Christmas Midnight Mass (Trinity)	Is. 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Lk. 2:1-20	384	358	624	363
	Dec. 25	Christmas Day (Grace)	Ex. 40:17-21, 34- 38	Titus 3:4-7	Jn. 1:1-18	380	382	393, 368, 386	387
	Dec. 27	Feast of St. John	Rev 1:1-6	1 Jn 1:1-2:2	Jn 21:20-25	359	523	380, 361 368, 624	384
	Dec. 31	Circumcision and Naming (Grace)	Num. 6:22-27	Gal. 3:23-29	Lk. 2:21	594	900	624	549

## DECEMBER WORSHIP & STUDY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

#### Divine Services:

8a, Grace; 11a, Trinity

*Misa en Español*: 2p, Grace

Bible Study: 9:30a, Grace

### Wednesdays

Bible Study: 9:30a, Grace,

Divine Service: 11a, Grace

Advent Compline: 7p, Trinity

### Matins

Mon. - Fri.: 9a, Grace

Private Absolution

Fri., 4-5p, Trinity



## GRACE & TRINITY ADVENT AND CHRIST-MASS SCHEDULE

### ✠ Order of Advent Compline ✠

Wednesdays, 7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church

12/2/20 ~ Midweek I ~ *“Ad Te Levavi”*

12/9/20 ~ Midweek II ~ *“Populus Zion”*

12/16/20 ~ Midweek III ~ *“Gaudete”*

12/23/20 ~ Midweek IV ~ *“Rorate Coeli”*

### ✠ Christ-Mass Services ✠

12/24/20 ~ ChristMass Eve Candlelight Lessons & Carols

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 7:00 pm

12/24/20 ~ ChristMass Eve Divine Service (Midnight Mass)

Trinity Lutheran Church ~ 11:00 pm

12/25/20 ~ ChristMass Day Divine Service

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 10:00 am

12/31/20 ~ Feast of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 5:30 pm

*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” ~ Luke 2:11*



## DIVING DEEPER INTO CHRIST'S GIFTS

### FROM OUR CONFESSIONS

*The Large Catechism by Martin Luther*

*As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.*

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

##### *Article I.*

17] Moreover, we also confess that God the Father has not only given us all that we have and see before our eyes, but daily preserves and defends us against all evil and misfortune, averts all sorts of danger and calamity; and that He does all this out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a benevolent Father, who cares for us that no evil befall us. 18] But to speak more of this belongs in the other two parts of this article, where we say: Father Almighty.

19] Now, since all that we possess, and, moreover, whatever, in addition, is in heaven and upon the earth, is daily given, preserved, and kept for us by God, it is readily inferred and concluded that it is our duty to love, praise, and thank Him for it without ceasing, and, in short, to serve Him with all these things, as He demands and has enjoined in the Ten Commandments. 20] Here we could say much if we were to expatiate, how few there are that believe this article. For we all pass over it, hear it and say it, but neither see nor consider what the words teach us.

21] For if we believed it with the heart, we would also act accordingly, and not stalk about proudly, act defiantly, and boast as though we had life, riches, power, and honor, etc., of ourselves, so that others must fear and serve us, as is the practise of the wretched, perverse world, which is drowned in blindness, and abuses all the good things and gifts of God only for its own pride, avarice, lust, and luxury, and never once regards God, so as to thank Him or acknowledge Him as Lord and Creator.

22] Therefore, this article ought to humble and terrify us all, if we believed it. For we sin daily with eyes, ears, hands, body and soul, money and possessions, and with everything we have, especially those who even fight against the Word of God. Yet Christians have this advantage, that they acknowledge themselves in duty bound to serve God for all these things, and to be obedient to Him [which the world knows not how to do].

23] We ought, therefore, daily to practise this article, impress it upon our mind, and to remember it in all that meets our eyes, and in all good that falls to our lot, and wherever we escape from calamity or danger, that it is God who gives and does all these things, that therein we sense and see His Paternal heart and his transcendent love toward us. Thereby the heart would be warmed and kindled to be thankful, and to employ all such good things to the honor and praise of God.

24] Thus we have most briefly presented the meaning of this article, as much as is at first necessary for the most simple to learn, both as to what we have and receive from God, and what we owe in return, which is a most excellent knowledge, but a far greater treasure. For here we see how the Father has given Himself to us, together with all creatures, and has most richly provided for us in this life, besides that He has overwhelmed us with unspeakable, eternal treasures by His Son and the Holy Ghost, as we shall hear.

*Continued next month... (read more at [bookofconcord.org](http://bookofconcord.org))*

## Bible Studies at Grace & Trinity

**Every Sunday** our churches dive deeper into the Scriptures and the Faith handed down to us by the Church. We're reading through the Revelation of St. John right now. We meet at **9:30am** (between the services) and alternate locations monthly – **even months at Grace, odd months at Trinity (this month it's at Grace)**.

We also offer a verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter study on **Wednesdays at Grace at 9:30am**. We're in St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians. Join us!

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY CLASS

Join us **December 29th at Trinity from 7-8:30pm** for a study and discussion of what marriage is, how it works, why we do it, and how we might do it better for the sake of our family, this world, and our own sanity.

**\*We're reading *Family Vocation: God's Calling in Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood*, by Gene Edward Veith & Mary J. Moerbe. Copies are \$10. Join us!** For the December meeting, please read through Part 1.



**FAMILY VOCATION**

God's Calling in Marriage, Parenting,  
and Childhood

GENE EDWARD VEITH JR. AND MARY J. MOERBE

## **Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio** *(Theological Reading Group)*

### **Typical Schedule:** (3rd Tuesday)

9:00 – 9:45 am	Matins
9:45 – 11:45 am	Reading Discussion
11:45 am – Noon	Prayer
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch

### **Locations:**

*Grace Lutheran Church*  
3310 E Pawnee, Wichita, KS  
*Trinity Lutheran Church*  
611 S Erie, Wichita, KS

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## **2020 Reading Schedule:**

### **December 15 (Trinity, Wichita)**

Jaroslav Pelikan, *Divine Rhetoric: The Sermon on the Mount as Message and as Model in Augustine, Chrysostom and Luther*. (Crestwood: St. Vladimir's Press, 2001). 167 pages.

## **GRACE'S BOOKSTORE!**

Did you know that Grace has a mini "Bookstore"? Some of the items available include:

- \* C.F.W. Walther, *Law & Gospel*;
- \* Jeff Hemmer, *Man Up!*;
- \* Gene Veith and Mary Moerbe, *Family Vocation*
- \* Anthony Esolen, *Defending Boyhood*

There are also numerous copies of the little booklet series *5 Things You Can Do To...* including:

- \* *Have a faithful Prayer Life*;
- \* *Live a Jesus-Centered Life*;
- \* *Witness Christ*;
- \* *Understand the Bible Better*.

If you're interested in any of these, let Pastor know!

### **December 6**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
"Seek My Face" (Daniel)

### **December 13**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
"The Prophet's Paradox" (Daniel 10-12)

### **December 20**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
"Experience God" (John 1:1-18)

### **December 27**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook  
"TBD" (Galatians 4:4-7)

KFTI 1070 AM 8:30 a.m. Sunday  
K204DQ 88.7 FM 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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## SHARING CHRIST'S GIFTS



### Hispanic Ministry

Grace is blessed with an opportunity to reach out to those in our community who speak Spanish. We offer a Divine Service (*Misa en Español*) every **Sunday at 2:00p.m.**, as well as Catechesis beforehand at 1pm. Also, once a month we gather with a meal at 12:30pm. Stop on by and check it out!

### FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER WICHITA

Family Promise empowers homeless families to achieve independence. They provide food and shelter nightly through local churches, a Day House that serves as a central hub and consistent address for the families, and education for families working towards sustainable employment, housing, and personal goals. Every week volunteer churches provide nightly meals and housing for the families. There are 26 churches involved in Family Promise, Trinity/Grace serve as a *Support Church* to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. As a *Support Church* we assist with meals, overnight duty, work with families at the Day House, and provide snacks. We do this role 4 times each year, one week at a time. If you're interested to get involved, please contact Amanda S. Carter at [amandafriedrichs@yahoo.com](mailto:amandafriedrichs@yahoo.com) or 785-614-2298.

### Please Pray for our Missionaries:

*Daniel, Kathryn, and Ana Conrad (Mexico City)*  
*Jacob Gaugert (Togo)*



Look for their current  
newsletter in the narthex.



### GRACE FOOD PANTRY

All grocery donations are appreciated to help the Grace Lutheran Food Pantry. Each month specific items are suggested. **For December: flour.** Place donations in the narthex basket marked Grace Food Pantry. *Non-perishables always appreciated.*

### LORD'S DINER

Due to the virus, the Lord's Diner temporarily changed its service. The first Tuesday each month we serve at the Lord's Diner (2825 S Hillside) from 5:15-7:30pm. If you already have a food handler's card — great! If you have one, but it is expired, that's okay — it still works! If you don't yet have your card, get one on-line: [wichitaks.foodhandlerclasses.com](http://wichitaks.foodhandlerclasses.com).

## Upcoming Dates and Activities

**Through Dec. 14** We will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves and socks to be donated to the Wichita Homeless Coalition. Please put your donation on the Christmas Trees in the Narthex.

**Thank you for donating school supplies for  
Lutheran World Relief!**  
**Trinity Ladies Guild donated 24 filled back-  
packs to LWR on October 6.**



## CHRIST'S GIFTS IN THE COMMUNITY

### THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

#### How it works:

Think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner.
- Invitations and thank-you cards.
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.

A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

#### How often am I eligible?

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligi-

ble to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

#### Things to keep in mind:

##### Involve others

Bring together a volunteer team of friends, family and people in your community to have a bigger impact. It's not a gift or a grant. It's seed money, and it's an investment to help get your project started or gain awareness for your cause, rather than directly giving the money to (granting) or purchasing items for (gifting) your cause.

##### One action team, one project

Multiple members cannot apply to receive a Thrivent Action Kit to be used toward the exact same project.

##### Report your success

Share your stories, photos and volunteer team info with us after your event – this must be completed before applying to lead your next Thrivent Action Team.

**LOG IN:** [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com) **CLICK:** "Making a Difference" **CHOOSE:** Thrivent Action Team.



### Concordia Academy

**WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF LATIN AND GREEK** in today's world? 60% of English words come from Latin and Greek, so knowing them helps with language arts. Latin is also the basis of Spanish, which will be taught at Concordia as well. In STEM subjects, 90% of the terminology comes from Latin and Greek. Latin and Greek grammar teaches logical thinking skills. They're two of the historical languages of the Church and are vital in studying Scripture and theology. Many great works of Western antiquity are in these languages; knowing them aids in the understanding of history and literature.

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## "Life Quotes"

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**December 6** – No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:1-3). "[S]traighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering!

**December 13** – "Speak tenderly" in Isaiah 40:1-2 is literally "speak to the heart." More than nice-sounding words, all of the Good News encapsulated in the first and second coming of Jesus speaks powerfully to those with struggling and burdened hearts. The life issues give us opportunity to speak this Good News to matters of the heart, especially those considered "controversial" and "divisive." *Thank You for touching our hearts with the Good News! Help us share it with all who deal with matters of the heart. Amen.*

**December 20** – Jesus brought God delicately amidst sinners, as humble in crucifixion as He was helpless in conception. Yet this estate did not hinder but, in fact, heralded the full realm and reign of God for us. And thereby He reaffirmed the worth of even the feeblest human beings. God's gift of life arrives all the better for the plain packaging He habitually hides it behind. *Lamb of God, make it so that our taking hold of You leads us to cradle Your little ones as well. Amen.*

**December 27** – A peaceful departure (Luke 2:29) may not always mean the absence of pain and suffering. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, it is seeing the presence of our Savior accomplishing His work according to His timetable. *In our last hour, dear Savior, help us see You and be at peace. Amen.*





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### Walking with women of wisdom

At Sisters of Sophia, we walk with women of wisdom as we learn from their lives. We meet every third Tuesday of the month. Our gathering of ladies is both challenging and refreshing, as is the camaraderie along the way! Doors open at **The Ladder at 6:15pm**, Food and Fellowship at 6:30, Eighth Day Convocation and Lecture at 7:20, Q&A and Closing Prayer at 8:15. Please come to break bread with us, learn with us, or both! We end promptly at 8:30, but women are welcome to chat long after that! For more information, talk with Nikki Boyle (650-1402) or Nancy Metzger (684-3415).

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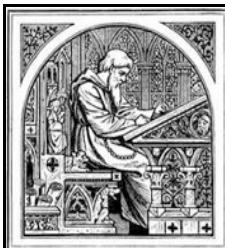
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## ~ HALL OF MEN ~

Where the men break bread, tap the keg, and toast their heroes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month** at Eighth Day Institute at The Ladder (2836 E Douglas Ave) Doors open at 7:00pm. Food is served at 7:30pm, and evening events officially begin at 8:30pm with a hymn, the Nicene Creed, and a lecture on a hero whose life inspires us to live more authentic lives and to fight for the renewal of our culture.



## **SUPPORTING CHRIST'S GIFTS**

### ***LCMS Stewardship Ministry***

Christmas is coming. It is a joyous time of feasting. The Church feasts upon the Word of God in sermon, song, and sacrament.

We hear the proclamation of the message of the angels: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). We mingle our voices with theirs as we sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased" (Luke 2:14)! We receive the proclaimed Savior, Christ the Lord, not wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger but wrapped in bread and wine placed into our mouths for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We feast in great joy indeed because of this great blessing from our Lord and God.

God's people in ancient Israel also feasted with great joy. The Lord showered His abundant blessing on His people. And He commanded them to feast upon it (Deuteronomy 16). The people were to go to the place appointed, where the Lord would make His name dwell, and give offerings, each man as he was able, according to the blessing of the Lord that He had given them (Deut. 16:10, 15, 17).

And there the Lord would bless them with joy as they feasted upon what the Lord had provided. They ate of the choice parts of their offerings. They enjoyed the company of all the people of God as they together heard His promises of blessing, sang of His bountiful goodness, and partook of what He gave.

We feast on the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, not just during Christmas but throughout all the year. We feast not just on the salvation He has wrought for us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but we feast also on all the temporal blessings that God gives out of His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We enjoy the rich bounty that God provides, not only in Word and Sacrament, but also in house and home, property and income, family and friends.

Let us then, as did our brothers in the faith from ancient Israel, give as we are able, according to the blessing of the Lord our God that He has given us. Let us, like them, give generously of the first fruits of our income, which He gives, so that all may know and enjoy the salvation He gives and the joy we have in the Savior born in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord.

### **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM**

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*(Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:30-4pm)*



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### SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Mon – Fri:**

9am Matins, Grace

**Wed:** 7pm Advent Compline, Trinity

**Sunday Divine Service:**

8:00 AM, Grace

11:00 AM, Trinity

2:00 PM, Grace *en Español*

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