

THE PIPER



DECEMBER 13, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13th  
at 3:00 pm

Outdoor Christmas  
Carol Sing-along in the  
front parking lot of  
the church.

Stay in your car or get out &  
social distance with a mask.

## Christmas Sing-Along



### TRINITY EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin  
Recorded & Emailed

11:00 am Deeper Water Zoom

3:00 pm Outdoor Christmas Carol  
Sing-Along

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 pm Zoom Council Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Webinar

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin  
Recorded & Emailed

11:00 am Deeper Water Zoom



### POINSETTIA & OFFERING ENVELOPE PICKUP

With the recording of all the  
Christmas Services complete,  
if anyone would like to pick up a

poinsettia, they are available Sunday during the Carol

Sing-along or Monday - Thursday from

8:00 am to 11:00 am - December 14th - 17th

The poinsettias will be inside so if you come to pick one or  
two up, please either call or knock on the front doors to  
be let in to choose your flower(s).

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 will also be available  
on a table outside the front doors of the church.

If you are out and about and can stop by the  
church, the offering envelopes will be labeled and in  
alphabetical order for you to pick up.

These will be available from December 10th  
to December 21st all day. After that we will decide  
how to distribute the envelopes that are left.

### READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms:126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee  
Kiel, Linda Leslie

#### TLC FRIENDS

Sandy Conard



There has been a change when we will be hosting OOTC

**NEW DATES: Friday, January 1st to Sunday, January 17th**

Pastor Ron will be making and serving dinners and  
breakfasts to the guests.

**We will need donations of desserts for the 16 dinners.** Please contact  
Beth (tlcoffice2@comcast.net) if you are willing to provide  
a dessert of any kind. Please let me know by 12/18/2020.

There is a maximum of 20 guests.

A schedule of all the people willing to provide desserts will be compiled so each person will  
know when they are scheduled.

We have 5 volunteers so far. If we could get a couple more that would be great.



From 1558 to 1829 (271 years) people in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During this era someone wrote "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation; the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church.

Each stanza in the carol is a code word for a spiritual reality to the Christian faith.

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
2. The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.
5. The five gold rings recall the Torah (Law) the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stands for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a -swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit.
8. Eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit.
10. The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments
11. Eleven pipers piping stands for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed

There you have it, the hidden meaning of the song and the secret behind it. So throughout this Advent season when you here this carol, enjoy and have fun. Now you know the deeper meaning of the carol. Jesus is the partridge in the pear tree.

# Quarantine Smiles

Batman After Quarantine...



**It was on Day 4 of the lockdown when Fluffy decided there had been enough family time.**

