



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Christmas Day 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Christmas music has been playing on at least one radio station since Thanksgiving. As Christmas approaches other stations abandon their normal format for Christmas music. Many of those songs and tunes are endearing, bringing a host of memories of Christmas "long, long ago." Some of the tunes are annoying, shallow—and hard to forget!!!

As I think about Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the lyrics of one song came to mind. Once I found the words, I was surprised to see that the line I thought of is actually in the middle of the song, not the beginning as I had remembered. The song, "Christmas Waltz," was made popular by the Carpenters. It is truly about Christmas and the secular aspects thereof, except this line, "It's that time of year when the world falls in love." Amazingly accurate, but from a theological perspective much different than the songwriters, Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne, had in mind, I'm sure.

Still, Christmas is precisely the "time of year when the world falls in love," not shallow sentimentality but rather the life-giving, salvation-providing, meaning-infusing love God offers all humankind. That's the kind of love that comes at Christmas as sealed for all time by way of Jesus' death and resurrection. St. John reminds us that "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son" (Jn 3:16), thereby assuring us of rescue from sin and death, that is, eternal life.

Music conveys this reality so well, even if we have tired of hearing all those Christmas tunes for far too long. Still, songs are a crucial part of Christmas, reminding us that the world truly has fallen into love, whether people know that or not.

May God bless you and all those dear to you. Have a wonderful Christmas celebration and the richest of blessings throughout the New Year. After all, Love comes at Christmas and is the reason for our worship, our celebrations, our gatherings. Maybe the Carpenters say it better than I can:

It's that time of year when the world falls in love,
Every song you hear seems to say
"Merry Christmas, may your New Year dreams come true"

Peace, joy and love,

Pastor Lon

THE PIPER



DECEMBER 25, 2019

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Altar
Flowers

*Altar Flowers are sponsored by
Linda Leslie in memory of Don
Leslie and in honor of all
December birthdays as we
celebrate the birth of our Lord.*

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carolyn Kresen, Rhonda Walker-
Hall, Karl Raynar, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel

TLC FRIENDS

Richard Broking, Laurie, Grace

Readings

December 29th

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

TRINITY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Service
with Communion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 am Worship with Communion

10:45 am Worship with Communion

11:45 am Social Time

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:15 am Worship with Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with Communion

11:45 am Social Time

Pork & Sauerkraut Themed Dinner

Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 pm

Sign up sheet is on the doors to Fellowship Hall

Desserts are requested and a Freewill offering will be received



Merry Christmas



And Happy New Year



Alden Thomas Taverno was born
on

December 12th, 2019

He weighed 9 lbs, 10 ozs and
was 20.5" long.

Mark & Rachael Taverno are the
proud parents along with big
brother, Bennett.

Everyone is doing well adjusting
to being a family of four.

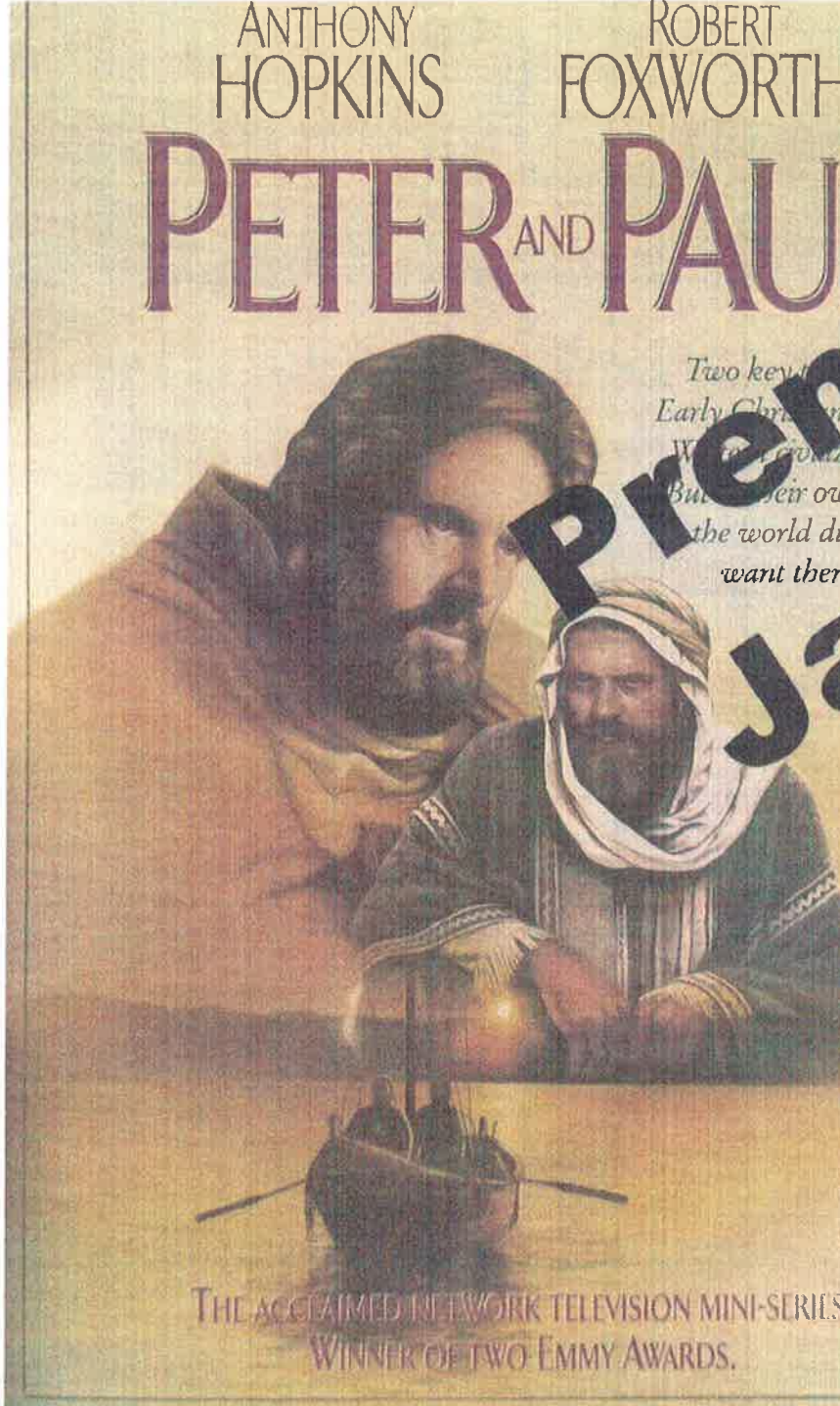
ANTHONY
HOPKINS

ROBERT
FOXWORTH

PETER AND PAUL

*Two key leaders of
Early Christianity and
Western civilization.
But on their own day
the world didn't
want them.*

Premiers January 2020



THE ACCLAIMED NETWORK TELEVISION MINI-SERIES
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This epic network television mini-series brings to life the precarious existence of early Christianity. The new movement is beset by violent opposition from without and constant turmoil from within. Two key leaders emerge—Peter and Paul—who struggle to keep the faith alive. This dramatic presentation follows the pair, together and separately, through three epochal decades. Included are the stoning of Stephen, the road to Damascus, their encounter in Jerusalem, their conflicts over how the word of Christ should be spread. Paul's travels to Asia Minor and Greece. Peter and Paul's clashes over Jewish law, and Peter's decision to follow in Paul's courageous footsteps. The drama concludes in Rome in approximately A.D. 64 with the beheading of Paul and the crucifixion of Peter under Emperor Nero.

ANTHONY HOPKINS ROBERT FOXWORTH IN "PETER AND PAUL"
STARRING EDDIE ALBERT RAYMOND BURR JOSE FERRER JON FINCH
DAVID GWILLIM HERBERT LOM JEAN PETERS
PRODUCED BY STAN HOUGH TELEPLAY BY CHRISTOPHER KNOPF
STORY BY CHRISTOPHER KNOPF AND STAN HOUGH
DIRECTED BY ROBERT DAY

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Sunday School Class

Sunday
9:30am