

***A Note of Thanks to Maxine Schnaitman who has given us light for the Sanctuary Lamp this December in remembrance of: Robert L., Isabelle and Martha Schnaitman*

Christmas Holly placed on Trinity's altar has been offered by the Tenney family every Christmas since 1943.

This Christmas in loving memory of family members:

William and Lillie Lowe,
Frances and Melwin Ralph,
Victor and Janice Camp,
Ivan and Gladys Tenney,
Stuart Lowe Tenney,
Stuart Lowe Tenney II,
Jon Eric Tenney,
John Keith Tenney,
George E. Tenney,
Jane Carol Ingraham,
Jane Christine Ingraham,
Mary Judith Tenney
Frances Joan (Tenney) Baumgardener

Thank You For Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Aaron Evans

Ushers: Tom & Nancy Isham

Nursery: Todd Kaminski

Acolytes: Mara Brown, Alec Kaminski, Celia Brown,
Chloe Nash, Jack Spitzer, Tom Spitzer

First Lesson: Tim Banfield

Epistle: Sharon Haeefe

Intercessor: Bob Haeefe

Chalice Bearers: Bob & Sharon Haeefe

Thanks to our Trinity String Quartet:

Violins: Tamara Hicks Syron & Marguerite Grupke

Bass: Charles Grantier

**A very special thank you to our Sunday School Children for designing our lovely Christmas bulletin covers.*



Trinity Episcopal Church
101 E. Mansion St.
Marshall, Michigan

December 24, 2009

A TIME FOR CAROLS - 6:30 P.M.

Choir	"Fanfare for Christmas Day"	– Martin Shaw
Choir:	"What Star is this?"	– Michael Bedford
Hymnal #89	"It came upon a midnight clear"	
Choir	"On Christmas night"	– R. Vaughan Williams
Choir	"I wonder as I wander"	– arr. John Rutter
Hymnal #107	"Good Christian friends rejoice"	
Choir	"Sweet was the song the virgin sang"	– Carl Schalk
Choir	"In excelsis gloria"	– Charles Callahan
Choir	"Wexford carol"	– arr. Martin Shaw
Choir	"Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light"	– J.S. Bach

Year C THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 7 P.M.

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
THE WORD OF GOD**

Procession to the Crèche "O Come all ye faithful" Hymnal #83

Salutation and response (stand)

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Presider: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
People: And we beheld his glory.
Presider: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:
People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Song of Praise "All glory be to God on high" Hymnal #421

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

The Collect and Readings are found in the bulletin insert.

After each lesson, the Lector says: *The Word of the Lord.*

People respond: Thanks be to God.

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"Christ our Passover"

Bulletin Insert

Choir "Away in a manger" arr. John Rutter
Hymnal #79 "O little town of Bethlehem"

Choir "Stille Nacht" arr. Franz Phillip
Hymnal #111 "Silent night"

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING.

Dismissal Hymn "Hark the herald angels sing" Hymnal #87

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor;

All kneeling, Celebrant and People say:

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

THE PEACE

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

“Angels we have heard on high”

Hymnal #96

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer B,

Page 367 in the red Book of Common Prayer

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The acclamation **“Holy, holy, holy:”** Bulletin Insert

Psalm 96:14, 11-12

Psalm Refrain

Epistle Titus 2:11-14

Anthem

“Gloria”

John Leavitt

Alleluia

Celebrant:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel – Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant:

The Gospel of the Lord

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Aaron Evans

All stand to recite:

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church, its members and mission, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare and well-being of the world.

Let us pray for all bishops and other ministers: especially Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Robert, our diocesan Bishop; and for Father Aaron Evans, who serves as our Celebrant today.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

We especially remember those on our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, (Pray for the Diocese of Yokohama, Japan):

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for Barack, our president; Jennifer, our governor; Bruce, our mayor; those serving in our armed forces; and the humanitarian workers of many nations seeking to relieve suffering in the war-torn areas of our world. We pray for peace, for goodwill among nations, and the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are ill, who suffer, and those in any need or trouble
Please pray for: Kathy Baldwin, Tami, Elizabeth, Robert, Kaarie, Laurie, Erinne, Trent, Cam, Suzie, Wendy, Mary Kay, Shawn, Kevin Keene-Kennedy, Rick, Dan Chapman, Lou Dickson, Jill Capps, Carolyn Kelley, Jean, Judy Yost, Jo Pell, Ben Zuehlke, Liz, Marla Brinkmoeller, Betty Fitch, Roger & Sharon Inman, Peter Houghton, Chuck Christner, Judy Blank

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray together for the work and mission of Trinity Parish:

Joyfully embodying the Gospel.

Sharing and living God's Word.

Worshiping together to feed our spirit.

Inviting visitors and groups who share our building to join us in celebration and worship.

Feeding people in the wider community.

To grow our mission to outreach.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for God's many blessings, and pledge to share our gifts. Let us pray for the December 31st wedding of Sarah Isham and Scott Neubecker. Please add your own thanksgivings ...

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our Vestry and for those considering a vestry position. May they be guided by Your Will in their service to our parish family.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others ...

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Nativity of our Lord

Harry Thompson

- In Memory of Mabel and Harriett Thompson

Roger & Patty West, Jacob West, and Reuben West

*- In Loving Memory of Esther Jacobs, David West,
Juanita West, Edgar & Cleo Thomas*

David & Suzanne Fritz

- To the Glory of God and Thankfulness for Our Cousin Sarah Whitman

Ivan & Debbie Egnatuk

*- We thank God for wonderful Christmas memories, for family,
friends and Trinity*

Tom Bayley & Sue Burns Tucker

- In Memory of George Bayley & Velma Bayley, Bill Burns

Randall & Cherie Riser

- In Thankfulness for Loved Ones

Lorna Llewellyn & Family

*- In Memory of Bernard & Nellie Davis,
Elmo Olmstead, Jacob Dannenberg*

Lorna Llewellyn

- In Memory of Sheila Sellors Pemberton, Elizabeth Collins Tessin

Jane & Jerry Gilbert

- In Memory of: Blanche & Al Allen, Jane's Mother and Father

Jane & Jerry Gilbert

- For God's Blessings on the Marriage of Sarah Isham & Scott Neubecker

Jon & Judith Rasmussen

- In Memory of: John – Husband and Father

- In Memory of: Mother & Grandmothers, Edith and Lilly

Todd, Julie, Ryan & Alec Kaminski

- In Loving Memory of Doran Osborne "Pops"

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song;*
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations*
and his wonders among all peoples
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;*
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;*
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,*
when he comes to judge the earth.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

– In Loving Memory of Roger A. Coulter by his Family

Dolores Chapman – In Thankfulness for Family

Joyce Connelly - Jerry Williams, Beulah Williams

*Kevin & Beth Howard – In Loving Memory of our fathers,
Richard Chapman & Clarence Howard*

*Fran Rauth, Paul F. Rauth and Margi Brown
– In Memory of our husband and father Paul A. Rauth*

Selena & Celia Brown - In Memory of our father, Michael

*Nancy & James Cracraft
- In Loving Memory of Ronald "Buck" Rogers*

Edward Bojas - For the love of Friends

Betty Ann Wilson – In Memory of Herbert E. Wilson

*Emma R. Bowling
– To Honor with Thankfulness & Love for my "Mom" Wendy Nash*

Dusty & Mary Nash Family - In Memory of Wanda A. Nash

*John & Babetta Schmidt – In Memory of Erikka Leighann Murphy,
Mary Duncan, Trenton Shrontz, Louie Willsea, Betty Osmun,
Allen Osmun, as well as all our passed loved ones.*

Margaret Osborne – In Memory of Doran, Hortense, Robert, Opal & Clair

*Edi & Tom Bletcher
– In Memory of parents Ila & Frank Trine. Thanks be to God*

Calvin & Rosemary Connelly - In Memory of Loved ones

*Anne & Tim Banfield
- In Thankfulness for the Lives and Love of Our Parents John & Mary Cleo
and Arthur & Helen Banfield*