



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*ABuilding by Reaching@*

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**Worship Times:** Saturday Night 6:15 p.m.

Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m.

**Sunday School:** Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

November 2019

To: All who trust the LORD to be their Savior and King,

Re: Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas

Dear ones loved by God,

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Psalm 136 has this repeating phrase, *for his steadfast love endures forever*. The psalm records the creation of the world, the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt and the conquest of the promise land. After each event there is this response. It may seem monotonous. But by the end of the psalm, the voices of people has crescendo to a loud praise of God who had delivered them and has kept His promise.

Read now how God's steadfast love endures forever in our lives.

God has made me and all creatures;  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
that He has given me my body and soul,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
eyes, ears, and all my members,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
He also gives me clothing and shoes,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
food and drink,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
house and home,

*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
wife and children,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
land, animals, and all I have.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
He defends me against all danger  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
and guards and protects me from all evil.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit  
or worthiness in me.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born  
of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent  
suffering and death,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to  
Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
enlightened me with His gifts,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
sanctified and kept me in the true faith.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian  
Church on earth,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all  
believers.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
*for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
This is most certainly true.

God the Holy Spirit grant that your voice has crescendo in a loud praise of God who has delivered us and has kept His promise. May your heart be filled with thanksgiving for all that God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done for you and for your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Rodney Blomquist

*John 14:6*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

**Now God grant that these voices be joined together at all our Divine Services and the services that follow:**

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Services Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.  
*Special offering for the Taylorville Ministerial Association's Food Bank: The mission box in the narthex will be set aside for monetary donations of cash and/or checks. Checks to be made out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and on the memo line write "Food Bank." Can goods and dry goods can be donated that night.*

Advent Midweek Services Wednesdays December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.  
*Can you name the three women in the Bible whom an angel told them that they would have a son?*

Christmas Eve Candle Light Divine Services Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6 & 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Divine Service Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.

New Year's Eve Divine Service Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7 p.m.

**Wanting to learn more about God's grace, being baptized or receiving the Lord's Supper?**

Call the church office at 824-8148,

E-mail the pastor at [trinitychurchpastor@ctitech.com](mailto:trinitychurchpastor@ctitech.com)

Stop by the pastor's office  
Or speak to him before or after the church service

**Take advantage of our Sunday School** we have two excellent professionally trained teachers who are truly dedicated to teaching children the Word of God. You may register your children:

By bringing them to Sunday School  
E-mailing the church at [trinitychurch@ctitech.com](mailto:trinitychurch@ctitech.com)  
Or by calling the church at 824-8148

**Ladies of the congregation** you are invited to LWML-LA sponsored Christmas party on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Taylorville renowned singing group, "Harmony" will entertain with Christmas Carols and Song. RSVP with Judy Jacob or the church office by phone, E-mail or in person.

**Bathroom update** the remodeling project is moving ahead.

**Decorating the church nave for Advent and Christmas** will take place the last Saturday of November the 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**Church cancellation because of weather conditions** – If unusual conditions exist during the week in the winter months, please listen to our local radio station, WTIM (870 AM or 96.1 FM) or watch WICS Channel 20, Springfield for the cancellation of church activities.

To see if any of the weekend services are cancelled, you may also call the church at 824-8148, and if no answer call Pastor at 824-4705.

Also, when the public schools close for extreme weather conditions – all after school classes at the church will be cancelled.

At times, the church may need to contact you about a cancellation. We have land line numbers, but do not publish cell phone numbers without permission. You can give permission for the church (elders, secretary and pastor) to know your cell phone number by printing it in the "Register of Fellowship" located in the church pew. Also, if you give us your E-mail address, we will be able to contact you about cancellations and upcoming events.

But in all-weather situations, please use common sense where you live. Conditions can be far different where you live and where the church sits. Stay safe.

**Announcements online:** Would you like to receive the weekly announcements and newsletters by e-mail? Just add your e-mail address by your name in the red Registry of Friendship book when you are at church on Saturday or Sunday or call the church office @217-824-8148. You can also E-mail us and we can capture your E-mail address.

**You may also** read them at our web site: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

**Our CHILDCAREPLU-DAYCARE center needs** teachers and teacher assistants. The Daycare has a waiting list for children, but not enough teachers to maintain DCFS children/teacher ratios. If you know someone that might be interested, have them call Director Amy Fitch at 287-2229. Keep the daycare ministry in your prayers." *Larry Peterson* 217-820-0577 [larryp62568@yahoo.com](mailto:larryp62568@yahoo.com)

**Preschool news** we have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class` for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148.

**It is time to place your orders** for your poinsettia for our altar. We will be ordering from Shelby County Community Services, Inc. The flowers will be in a 6 1/2" pot with foil/bow and sell for \$8.00 each. If paying by check, please make check payable to Trinity Lutheran and designate for your flower purchase. Orders need to be in by Sunday, November 24th and payment due with order. Thanks

Flower Order Form

Please fill in how many you want in the space provided.

Red\_\_\_\_ White\_\_\_\_ Pink\_\_\_\_ Marble\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of:\_\_\_\_\_

For Blessings Received\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

### **December 1<sup>st</sup> one year later**

Is December 1<sup>st</sup> an anniversary? This usually means a celebration of the events that happened that day. Usually set aside for birthdays, weddings and other celebratory events.

The night of December 1<sup>st</sup> is not an event we want to celebrate. Maybe the good that came out of it, such as, community and neighbors gathering to help each other. I guess that would be celebrated. God's hand in protecting the lives of all involved could be celebrated. There was great thanksgiving on this fact alone.

But the destruction and the fear as the tornado passed through makes the day a day of remembrance. It left scars on the hearts and minds of those directly involved. Wind and the monthly testing of the sirens bring chills and anxiety. The pain and the ordeal have taken away the joy of the help given. Watching everyone else's lives return to their daily routines can cause envy and heart ache in those still trying to rebuild their lives.

Yet, it is good to remember. These events keep us mindful of the temporal nature of this world. It reminds us to keep our eyes on Christ and to look forward to His return. Then there will be the unceasing celebration, the never ending celebratory feast. There will be no remembrance of bad and evil days, only celebration of God's grace and goodness.

God grant you all this peace as you live through December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.