

# Trinity Episcopal Church



*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Invite. Include. Inspire.**

December 21, 2025

# Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We are delighted to have you with us today.  
Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin.  
If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.  
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# The Word of God

Prelude: Organist

The Journey to Bethlehem – James Mansfield

*Please stand as you are able for the procession.*

Processional: Come Thou Long Expected

H-66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;  
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

*The third candle(pink) is lit to signify Gaudete (Rejoice)*

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

Reader 2: For the Lord elevates the lowly; releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

*The Fourth Candle is lit to signify love.*

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

Reader 2: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

**All:       Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

# O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn 56 v 7 & 8



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;  
 adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

## The Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

## Collect for Purity:

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion

Hymnal S100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

## The First Lesson:

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## *Qui regis Israel*

**Psalms 80: 1-7, 16-18**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## **The Second Lesson:**

**Romans: 1:1-7**

Lector: A reading from Romans

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,  
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lector:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying

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1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —  
2 O — Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God — en - dur - eth, the —

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The —  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they — per - ish, like  
feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and — pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!  
na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;  
lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

## **The Gospel:**

**Matthew 1: 18-25**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord  
**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Sermon:** All children are welcome to front of church for a gathering.

**Sermon**

Rev. Charlotte Reed

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**Celebrant and People:**

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:

Celebrant: As children of God, led by the Spirit, let us pray for the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world.

Lector: For peace from on high and for our salvation.

**People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

**People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kristin our bishop, for all priests and deacons, for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.  
For those on our diocesan prayer list St. Philip's, Circleville

**People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

**People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For those seeking healing, especially **Jo Stull, Becky Daffner, Bill Shaw and Leanne Jones** and all those in need, those who are suffering and all who are oppressed; we pray for travelers, prisoners, the dying and the dead.

**People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

**People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lector: Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son. Hear the prayers we offer this day and lead us into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: **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 thy will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

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

People: And also with you.

*You are welcome to share the sign of the peace with the people around you.*

## Announcements

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentence:** All things come of thee Oh Lord and of thine own have we given thee.

**Offertory Music:** Carol of the Bells

Thomas Roberts , Pianist

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Presentation Hymn:** From All that Dwell Below the Skies

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\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

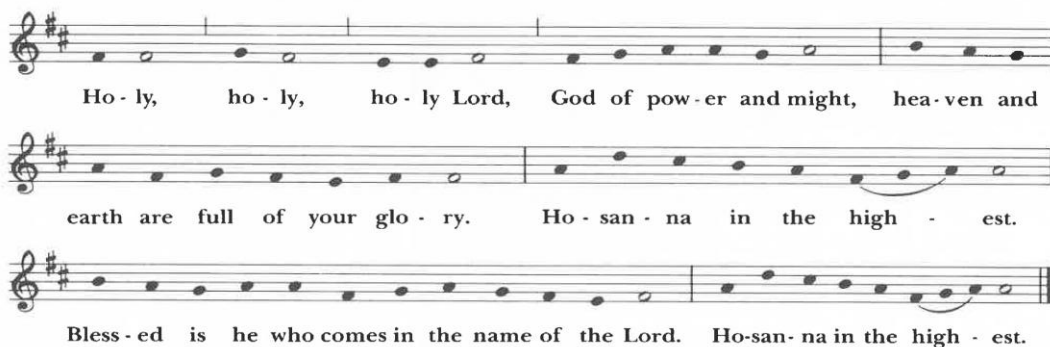
Wondrous are you, Holy one of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy;

## The Holy Eucharist II

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*The Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into our life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me"



And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Celebrant and People:** Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Celebrant and People:** Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

**Celebrant and People:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen

## The Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more.

So come you who have much faith. And you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome to join us at communion. Please come forward to the rail when indicated by an usher. You may drink from the common cup, or intinct (dip) the bread in the second cup.

Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer a blessing.  
Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.

## Music During Communion:

### Advent

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1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397);  
tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524

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## **The Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:** Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen**

## **The Blessing:**

Celebrant: The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you to be Christ's hand and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
bear it so he can make us free!

Words: Frederico J. Pagura (b. 1923); tr. F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt.  
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.;  
harm. and desc. Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

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## The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Organist "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" - Johann Ludwig Krebs

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service  
for a time of coffee and fellowship.

## Those Serving Today

Celebrant:	Rev Charlotte Reed
Organist:	Joel Hootman
Soloist:	Thomas Roberts, Pianist
Acolytes:	Alex, Javier & Gregory Pfeiler
Lectors:	Dave Cobb and Joan Swank
Usher:	Susan Beerbower
Camera:	Evanthia Owen
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Jackson and Mary Siegel

## This Week at Trinity: *December 22-27, 2025*

Wednesday	12/24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Rev. Dr. Lynn Sinnott)
Thursday	12/25	10:30 AM	Christmas Day Service (Pastor Ray Branstiter)

## Announcements

### Christmas Flowers

Signup sheets for Christmas flowers will be in the vestibule and Parish Hall.

### Future Dates

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM: **Lessons and Carols**

### Scripture for December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Old Testament: Isaiah 61: 10-62:3

Psalm: Psalm 147

New Testament: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your parish that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant **Samuel Pfeiler** as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially **Aaron Griggs, Seth Glenn, and Eean Glenn (grandchildren of Diana Bodenmiller)**. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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