

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERMON OUTLINE -- DECEMBER 11, 2022

When in Doubt

(Matthew 11:1-11)

INTRODUCTION: *Some sayings about doubt...*

I. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY SHOULD BE & DOUBTS COME

- A. John the baptizer had his doubts and so do we (Matthew 11:1-3)
- B. There was for John & there is for us a difference between expectations & reality
- C. John took his doubts to Jesus, and so can we (verses 2-3)

II. WHEN THINGS AREN'T AS THEY SHOULD BE & DOUBTS COME, JESUS STANDS WITH & FOR US

- A. Jesus responds to a confession of doubt:
 - 1. He assures us (verses 4-5)
 - 2. He blesses (verse 6)
 - 3. He defends (verses 7-11)
- B. Jesus is not just a cute baby in a manger (verses 7-9)

III. SO, WHEN IN DOUBT... WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Jesus taught us:

- A. Not to keep it inside or hidden
- B. Bring our doubts to Him, by our self or with the help of others
- C. He will never turn us away

CONCLUSION: *Note our chancel:*

the Christmas Tree and the Crucifix

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection of Toys for Christmas

On Sundays December 11 and 18 we will collect money and (unwrapped) **new toys** for families in our community in need. We only have until Sunday, December 18 for this collection. The deadline to deliver to Richmond Caring Society is Tuesday, December 20. You may bring money or toys on Sundays or drop off your gift at the church office during the week. The money will be used to purchase toys. Cheques may be made out to: **Richmond Cares & Richmond Gives** (memo line: Christmas Toys)

See the list below if you wish to donate a new toy
(*please, no stuffed toys due to health restrictions*):

Babies, Toddlers, Preschoolers

Educational Toys, Musical Toys, Activity Books

(no stuffed toys please)

Elementary age – Teens

Lego, Sports Equipment, Craft Kits

Pretend Play Items (Kitchen, Doctor, Tool Sets)

Tickets to Attractions (Aquarium, Zoo, Science World)

Teen – Appropriate Gift Cards (\$25)

Of all people in our community, may we Christians support those in need. Jesus told us, ***“Whatever you do to the least of your brethren, you do to Me.”***

Portals of Prayer

The next issue of the Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for January to March have arrived and are available for pickup. If you would like to reserve your own personal copy when future issues are published, please let Ewald in the Front Office know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24 -- 7:00pm

Christmas Day Worship Service

with Communion

Sunday, December 25 -- 11:00am

New Year's Day Worship Service

with Communion

Sunday, January 1 -- 11:00am

Epiphany Celebration

The entire congregation is invited to celebrate Epiphany together on

Friday, January 6.

We will be having a **potluck meal** starting at **6pm**. Come for an evening of fellowship with a devotion for the adults and a story for the kids.

Join us as we celebrate the new season of Epiphany and the end of the Christmas season.

BC Mission Boat Society: Dessert and Celebration

The BC Mission Boat Society is hosting a Dessert and Celebration evening on **Saturday, January 7 from 6:30-8:00pm at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church in Langley**, with doors opening at 6:00pm. The tickets for the event are \$10/person.

Come find out what God has been doing through the BC Mission Boat Society and their plans for 2023. Meet the board members, hear stories from the volunteers and possibly from members of the served communities as well.