

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERMON OUTLINE -- DECEMBER 18, 2022

Taking Names

(John 1:19-29)

INTRODUCTION: *The old slavery song:*
“There’s a Man Goin’ Around Takin’ Names”

I. THERE’S A NAME-TAKING TRIAL GOING ON

- A. It was true for John the Baptist (verses 19-23)
- B. It’s true for us today as well

II. BUT WHO IS ON TRIAL?

- A. John the Baptist or his accusers? (verses 24-28)
- B. There were actually two trials going on (verses 27 & 29)

III. FOR GOD’S PEOPLE, THERE’S A NAME-CLEARING TRIAL!

- A. In Zechariah 3 we see a heavenly court scene
(Zechariah 3:1-5; 8-9)
- B. Jesus is our defence attorney who clears our names
(Zechariah 3:9; John 1:29; Colossians 1:20)
- C. At our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are given a new name
(Romans 8:1)

CONCLUSION: *The old TV show Dragnet:*
“the names have been changed...”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection of Toys for Christmas

Today is the last Sunday we will collect money and (unwrapped) new toys for families in our community in need.

Tomorrow morning (Monday), Pastor Harold will deliver all money and toys received to the *Richmond Caring Place*.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

A wonderful season of services and programs
to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Little Children's Christmas Program

10:00am Friday, Dec. 23rd

(by Trinity's Little Children Centre)

A delightful program presented by 3 to 5 year olds!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00pm Saturday, December 24th (in English)

Christmas Eve

Scripture Readings & Carol Sing

8:15pm Saturday, December 24th (in Mandarin)

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

11:00am Sunday, December 25th (in English & Mandarin)

New Year's Day Services

9:30am Sunday, January 1st (in Mandarin)

11:00am Sunday, January 1st (in English)

Epiphany Celebration

6:00pm Friday, January 6th

*Join us for a Potluck Meal and an evening of Fellowship
with a devotion for Adults and a story for kids.*

*We are celebrating the new season of Epiphany
and the end of the Christmas season.*