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Another one of my favorite hymns of thanksgiving: “Now Thank We All Our God,” carries with it a

history that reminds us that every day in God's loving presence is a day to be thankful for, whether that be a time of earthly plenty or of desperate want. Pastor Martin Rinckart wrote this hymn as a mealtime prayer in Eilenburg, Germany around 1630, in the middle of the Thirty Years' War. What this means is that Rinckart penned the words of "Now thank we all our God" in a time when his city was being destroyed daily by war, plague, and famine. In 1637, for instance, Rinckart officiated at over four thousand funerals, some days leading funerals for fifty people at once.

In spite of the earthly devastation and sorrow that surrounded him, Rinckart continued to overflow with thanksgiving for every blessing to body and soul that God bestowed upon him, and to faithfully pray that God would "free us from all ills, in this world and the next."

I include for you the words of this hymn as well (also in the public domain), along with a prayer that God would give you a heart of thanksgiving to Him in both seasons of feast and seasons of famine. Above all do I pray that you would find as your foremost cause for thanksgiving Christ Jesus our Lord who died for your sins and rose for your eternal life, a gift which is yours by faith in His name.

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

\* Information on the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" was taken from: *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*, Vol. 1 (CPH: 2019), p. 1418-21.



## **Baptism**

**Magdalena Jo Cowell**

Born: September 15, 2022

Baptism: September 25, 2022

Parents: Thomas and Hannah Cowell

## **Church Schedule**

**Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday,**

November 23, 2022 at **6:00 p.m.** – Burt

**Advent Service - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14**

**Trinity Lutheran - 6 p.m.**

**Christmas Day**

December 25, 2022 at **9:30 a.m.**

**Christmas Eve Children's Service:**

December 24, 2022 - **5:00 p.m.**



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Lynda Heidecker  
2 – Wendell Christensen, Jr.  
2 – Rolland Peyman  
3 – Halie Bengston  
7 – Larry Behnkendorf  
8 – Zachery Steven  
9 – Mary Gifford  
9 – Tessa Terwilliger  
10 – Barb Schroeder  
14 – John Smith  
16 – Megan Crosser  
17 – Kim Reutzel  
18 – Richard Knoll  
19 – Brynetta Lavrenz  
23 – Gabrielle Kelly  
24 – Donna Haase  
25 – Brayton Borchardt  
26 – Gary Person  
26 – Bev Skadburg  
30 – Eden Koestler  
30 – Jerry Koestler

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Michael Bierstedt  
1 – Nicolle Marlow  
3 – Darrel Schmidt  
3 – Derek Schutjer  
4 – Gene Hanna  
9 – Olivia Marlow  
9 – Karla Schutter  
10 – Barb Harms  
18 – Vivian Lavrenz  
18 – Maverick Smith  
27 – Lisa Haase  
27 – Chardonnay Lavrenz  
28 – James Bowman  
28 – Terry Tieman  
28 – Wanda Tieman



## SPECIAL SENIORS

November 2 – Rolland Peymann  
November 14 – John Smith  
November 24 – Donna Haase  
November 26 – Bev Skadburg  
November 30 – Jerry Koestler  
December 10 – Barb Harms