

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Lighting the First Advent Candle©

Officiant: We shall light the Advent candles, praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and look forward in hope

People: Living Christ, light of the world, give us the warmth of your love.

Officiant: There are five candles. We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas.

Candles are useful. They give light and warmth when electricity fails.

Candles are simple, yet ingenious. They show us the inventiveness of people in the past and connect us with generations before us.

Candles are special. In the dark, they give bright light and warm shadows.

Candlelight brings us together as we talk and laugh and listen.

People: Living Christ, light of the world, give us the warmth of your love.

Officiant: In Isaiah, chapter 64, a prophet cries out to God:

O that you would tear open the heavens,
and come down, . . .
to make your name known. . . .
You have hidden your face from us. . . .
Yet . . . we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. *(selections from Isa. 64:1–8)*

We light our first candle as a prayer for our suffering world,
that God, who is often hidden, may be revealed to us and to all.

Light the first candle.

Celebrant: Living God, come to our world.

People: When you hide your face, help us, to trust your promises and wait in hope.

The Word of God

Hymn "The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns" *Hymn #73*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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.*

Gloria "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel " *Hymn #56, v 1-2*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

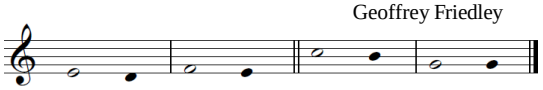
First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Response Geoffrey Friedley  Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Hymn #616 v 1-2, 4-5*

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

Celebrant: "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The Homily Rev. Don Paulson

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayer of the People

Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean, for Bishop Jos; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.
Silence

Leader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: 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 your 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not want to share in communion but would like a blessing, join the line and cross your arms across your chest when you come to the priest.

If you would like to share in the bread but not the wine, you may cross your arms across your chest when you come to the minister with the wine.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Presentation of Gifts

The Offertory

The Doxology

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

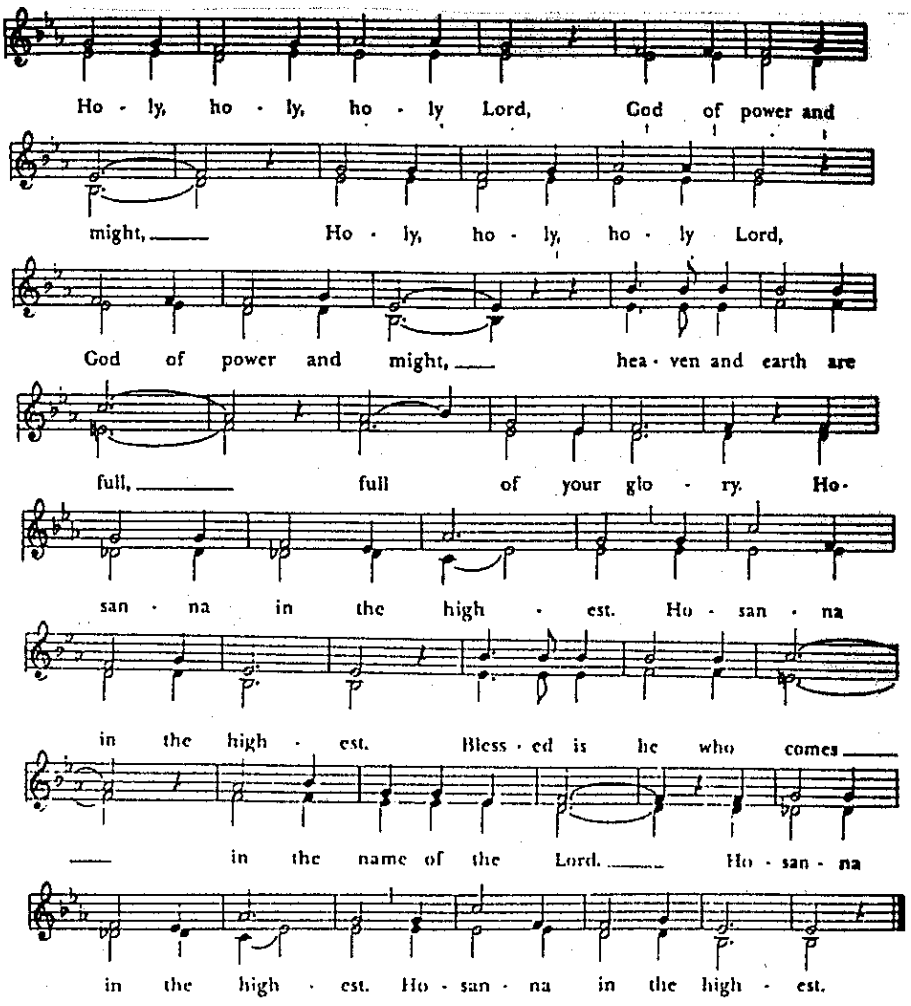
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Hymn #S-130*



Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died.*
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

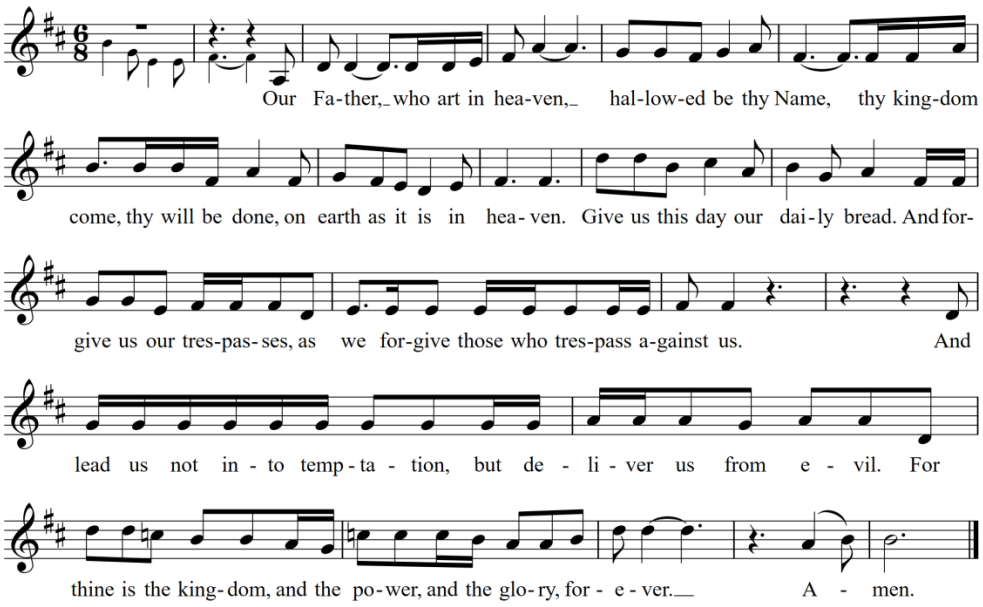
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

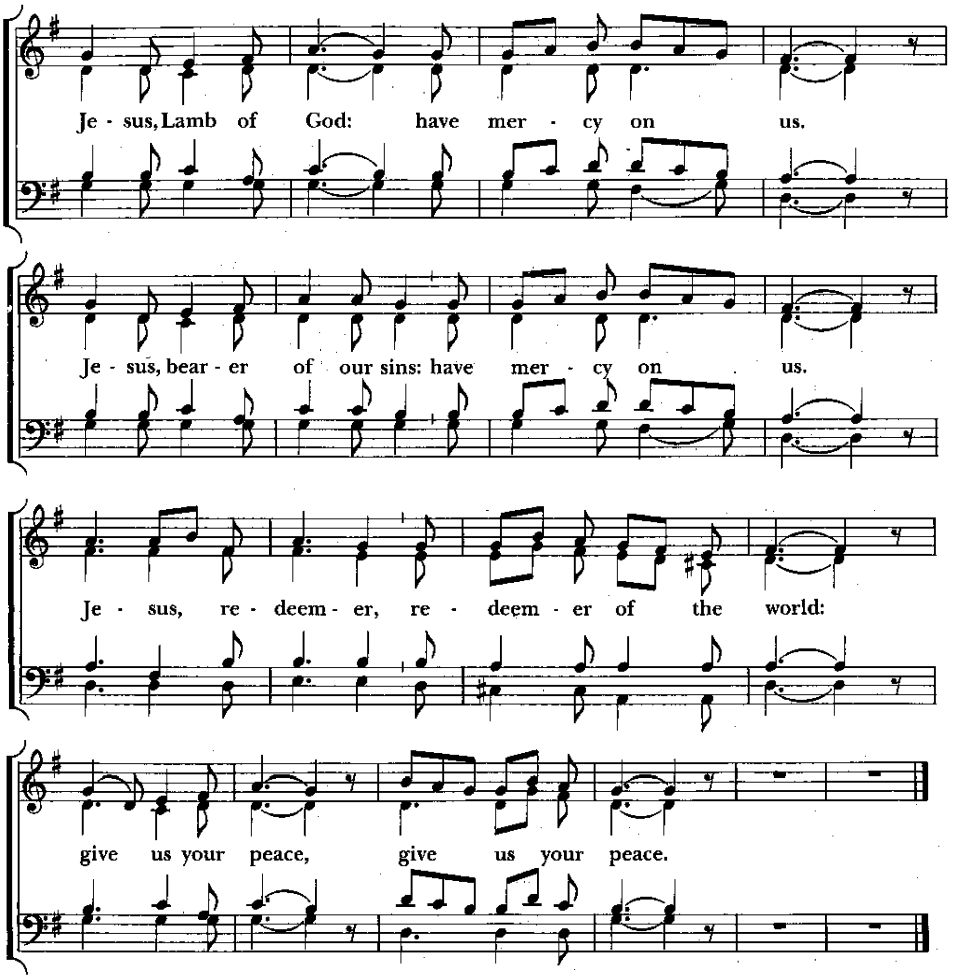
Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Trent Clegg



The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn #S-164



Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: For and with those who are joining us online, we pray:

All: God of infinite mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Savior, who feeds us and gives us eternal life. Though those praying at home cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine, we thank you that we share the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. Grant that we may continue forever in the risen life of our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

The Holy Communion "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" *Hymn #68*

"Once He Came in Blessing" *Hymn #53*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Special Prayers

Announcements

The Blessing

Recessional " Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending" *Hymn #57*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please join us for coffee & fellowship

in the Parish Hall following the service

PRAYERS

This week we keep in our prayers:

Mary Lyn, Clayton B, Pope Leo XIV, Doug B, Michelle E, Sarah J,
Alex & Susu, Josh & Family, Baby Hall, Denny, Chris, David W, Julie,
Rox & Russ, Kerry H, Reed W, Eden, Susan B, Bob K, Jakob,
Trent, Fran M, Martin & Sue, Robert G, Fr. James, Curtis, Terrie, LaRue,
Dolores, Micah & Emily, AJ, Virginia, Scotti, Janie, Jeffre, Tom & Talya,
Fran T, Taylor, Jeff, Chad, Rev. Doug & Deacon Eileen,
and the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center Residents and Staff.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Don Paulson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Angela Young, Geoffrey Friedley
Lectors:	Ruta Casabianca, Joe Marley
Prayers of the People:	Anne LoPiccalo
Ushers:	Jeffre Miller
Altar Guild:	Angela Young
Bread:	Susanne Forrest
Vestry on Duty:	Ruta Casabianca
Music Director / Organist:	Trent Clegg
Audiovisual Facilitator:	Geoffrey Friedley
Coffee Hour Host:	Catherine Buttrick

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sunday Offering. Trinity's Fifth Sunday Offering today (all plate offerings that aren't identified as regular pledge contributions) will be sent to Pocatello's nonprofit Restorative Center to support mental health counseling. The holidays can be hard on many people, so this is the vestry's attempt to support the services available. It's also a good reminder to all of us to ask for help when we need it!

Advent Wreaths. Join us after the service today, as we make Advent Wreaths in the Parish Hall. We have plenty of greenery, candles, and brass rings, so plan on making one and taking it home. If you haven't made an Advent wreath before, we'll be happy to help you. If you haven't used an Advent wreath before, we'll be happy to explain.

Trinity Reads. After a thoughtful discussion of November's book, Adam Hamilton's Christianity and World Religions, we're moving on towards something more seasonal. Our new book is Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, by noted religious scholar Amy-Jill Levine. For beginners and long-term worshippers alike, this now-classic "guide" explores the Bible stories surrounding Jesus's birth, exploring their cultural, historical, and theological contexts. We'll meet to discuss it at 7pm on Tuesday, December 1.

First Friday Concert & Compline: On Friday, December 4, we'll host our customary First Friday concert at 5:30 and then pray an Advent-themed service of Sung Compline at 7.

Advent Tea. Mark your calendars for a joyful Advent Tea on Saturday, December 5, at 2 pm in the Parish Hall! Susanne Forrest invites us to this celebration of the season, with traditional German treats, storytelling, and carol singing.

St. Nicholas Day. Next Sunday, December 6, it's St. Nicholas's Day. We'll have the Alleluia Choir with us at our 10am service, and maybe a visit from the saint himself!

Coffee Hour Hosts. At ECW it was discussed the need for more people to serve coffee hour. It was suggested that more individuals or small groups might be willing if they could pick their own date to serve. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the church activity bulletin board in the parish hall, so people can select the date that works best for them. It would be helpful if some small teams were formed, so the cost was not so great for each person.

Stewardship. If you haven't gotten your pledge card in there is still time. Extra cards are available in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Please turn your pledge card into the office or call Marky and she'll fill one out for you

Blanket Drive. The Interfaith blanket drive has started! Bring your new or gently used blankets to the church or church office by December 14th. We'll get them to the organizers, who will distribute them to programs throughout the area. Prefer to send a check to buy blankets? You can make it out to Trinity and we'll forward the funds.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Monday, November 30, 2026	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
	10:00-2:00	Rev. Haydie's Office Hours
	2:00 p.m.	OGP
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	6:15 p.m.	Collegium Vocale
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
Tuesday, December 1, 2026	3:00 p.m.	OGP
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Reads
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
Wednesday, December 2, 2026	10:00-2:00	Remote Office Hours
	3:00 p.m.	OGP
Thursday, December 3, 2026	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
	3:00 p.m.	OGP
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, December 4, 2026	10:00-2:00	Church Office Open
	10:00-2:00	Rev. Haydie's Office Hours
	3:00 p.m.	OGP
	5:30 p.m.	First Friday Concert
	7:00 p.m.	Sung Compline
	8:00 p.m.	A.A.
Saturday, December 5, 2026	2:00 p.m.	Advent Tea
Sunday, December 6, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing
2nd Sunday of Advent	1:30 p.m.	My Brother's Table

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