Grace Notes

November 29, 2026

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Check your Narthex mailboxes, please

Sunday – 11/29/2026 ~ *First Sunday in Advent*

8:30a Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

5th Sunday Mission Collection ~ Trinity Lutheran Camp

Duty Elders ~ Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video/Music ~ Denise Rutledge

Monday – 11/30/2026 *Nothing scheduled*

Tuesday – 12/01/2026

5:45p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 12/02/2026

9:30a Ladies' Bible study

5:30p Adult Choir practice

6:00p Soup Supper

7:00p 1st Advent Mid-week Service

Thursday – 12/03/2026

8:30a Men's Bible study

6:30p Board of Early Childhood Education

Friday – 12/04/2026 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday – 12/05/2026 *Nothing scheduled*

Sunday – 12/06/2026 ~ *Second Sunday in Advent*

8:30a Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video ~ Issac Schultz

Organist ~ Gloria Creek

Midweek of Advent 1

A Street Called Light

This evening we begin our Advent and Christmas series called *The Everlasting Light*, which is inspired by *Isaiah 60* and beautifully summarized by Phillips Brooks's hymn *"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (LSB 361)*. Brooks's masterpiece beautifully describes Bethlehem on a December night. The hymn moves back and forth from a description of Christmas to the meaning of Christmas. Tonight the series begins with brightness and beauty bursting forth. It all comes from the prophet Isaiah's clarion call, *"Arise, shine for your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1).*

We desperately need this jolt of joy. Why? Our world is filled with dark streets—streets leading to despair and death. We know what it's like to live on streets like those.

Isaiah continues, *"And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (60:1)*. Divine glory, in Jesus, conquers our darkness, our every darkness, even the darkness of death. Why? Christ faced His own dead-end street called Calvary, but He rose again on the third day. In Holy Baptism, God calls us out of darkness and into His glorious light. The upshot? Phillips Brooks tells us: *"Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight" (st. 1).*

Don't forget….

5th Sunday Mission Collection ~ **TODAY**, **November 29th** is the last *5th Sunday Mission Collection* for 2026. We will be using your donations to go to help **Trinity Lutheran Camp at Big Fork, MT**.

LWML Dues ~ The LWML is collecting their annual subscription fees and membership dues. If you would like to receive the national LWML magazine, ***The Quarterly***, or our Montana District newsletter, ***The Missive***, you can order those for **$6.50 and $4.00 respectively**. If you are an active member of the LWML, the **total dues this year are $17.50/person**, which includes the magazine and newsletter, plus a **$7.00 district fee** to help send Montana ladies as delegates to the national LWML conventions. Please contact Sherri Van Vleet for more information or to pay for subscriptions and dues.

Undie Sunday ~ **December 6th** the LWML will be collecting underwear to donate to the Rescue Mission. Packages of new undies for men, women and children can be donated at the display in the Narthex - all styles and sizes. (We will also be gathering more donations at our ***Advent Brunch*** **on December 12th** and taking our donations to the Rescue Mission that afternoon.) Please help us provide for the needs of others and bring new underwear on Undie Sunday!

Advent Soup Suppers ~ Believe it or not Advent is here! We will be having Advent soup suppers followed by an Advent service each Wednesday (December 2nd, 9th & 16th) again this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up for items to bring each week. See you on **December 2nd** for our first Advent Mid-Week service.

Poinsettas ~ The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for poinsettias to grace our altar for Christmas. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these poinsettias, please make your check payable to ***Trinity Lutheran Church***, designate on the check **"For Poinsettias"** and drop it into the offering. If you would like your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please attach a note with the details to your check or contact the church office at 452-2121 with that information.



They're Back!!

Cards ~ (both Christmas and all occasion)

Calendars and Notepads!

Price:	Note Pads	$3.00
	Cards	$8.00
	Calendars	$10.00

Check with the Youth Group to get yours today!

Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is needed for the winter to remove snow from the sidewalks before church on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Roof Replacement Fund ~ The project will include the Sanctuary roof, Narthex roof, flat roof and seamless gutters. We have scheduled this project for June 2027. Members are encouraged to continue contributing to the **Roof Replacement Fund**. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in and the tracking thermometer in the Narthex. If you have questions about this project, please talk to James Neumann, Cheryl Bauer or Pastor Schultz.

Trinity Scholarships ~ The application is available on our website (www.trinity-mt.org) or in the church office. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

Qualified Charitable Distributions ~ Your IRA can help Trinity with funding the new roof. Are you 70½ or older? With an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), you can support the cost of Trinity's roof replacement and potentially reduce your income tax burden after a retirement distribution. In addition, if you are 73 or older you can satisfy all or a part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). As the end of year approaches, a QCD may be the right solution for you!

Three Easy Steps:

1. **Call your IRA account provider and request a Qualified Charitable Distribution.**
2. **Give them Trinity Lutheran Church's address (1226 1st Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59401-3201)**
3. **Let us know about the gift so we can thank-you.**

Call or talk to Don Lee if you would like more information, 406-799-5125.



Christmas Caroling ~ The members of Trinity are invited to go Christmas caroling on **Sunday, December 13th**. Everyone should meet at church at 2:30pm and then will caravan to *The Lodge* for 3:00pm caroling for the residence. Then the troupe will go to the *Golden Eagle Plaza* and *Rosetta Assisted Living*. There may even be some caroling for some of our other shut-ins. For more information see Judy Boyce.



First Sunday in Advent ~ November 29th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Advent Mid-week ~ December 2nd
Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Worship 7:00 pm

Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 6th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 9th
Soup Supper ~ 6:00pm
Worship ~ 7:00 pm





Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 13th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service w/Children's Christmas Message ~ 10:00 am

Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 16th
Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Worship ~ 7:00 pm

Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 20th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am





Christmas Eve ~ Thursday, December 24th
Family Worship ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Friday, December 25th
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 27th
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

The week of November 29th through December 6th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

December 3rd — *Tim ♥ Lauralyn Fairbanks (10)*

Celebrating their Birthday this week

December 3rd — *Brielyn Ginnaty*
December 4th — *Ada Harr*
December 5th — *Kari Smith*
December 6th — *Jessica Brookie*

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

November 30th — *Sam Birkett*
December 1st — *Channing Hartelius*
December 3rd — *Heidi Paul*
Jason Young
December 5th — *Colton Martello*
Logan Stene
December 6th — *Spencer Payne*

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

December 1st — *Judy Lively*
December 5th — *Ruby Willey*
December 6th — *Spencer Payne*

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of November 16th through November 22nd

Mid-week Service	15
Adult Bible study *(Ladies', Men's, Sunday)*	32
Sunday School	15
Divine Service	91
Offerings	$3,700
Vanco	$420
Roof Replacement	$1,025

PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121) or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org

We pray for our members

Judy Boyce
Joyce Bush
Ellen Carpenter
Neil Hamm
Larry Homen
Kirk Norris
David O'Meara

We pray for friends and family of our members

Evelyn Bauer (Martin Bauer's mother)
Martie Curl (VanVoast's friend)
Gary Headington
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Dawn Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Kyla Moyle (Lively's friend)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Jim Smith (VanVoast's friend)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Don Ullrich (VanVoast's daughter-in-law's father)
Ryan VanVoast (Ron VanVoast's son)
Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth & Clint Wheeler's parents)
Fred & Beverly Wibert (Sam Birkett's grandparents)
Kathy Zagel (wife of former pastor Bruce Zagel)
Merle Ziegleman (VanVoast's friend)

We pray for our shut-ins

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)
Ellen Carpenter (Golden Eagle)
Ed Hickel (at home)
Joy Suek (at home)
Bob Blomstrom (Helena)
Darlene Murray (in Kansas)
Joyce Bush (at home)
Anita Erickson (at home)
Arleen Nelson (Rosetta Assisted Living)
Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)
Lucy Ann Hall (in Las Vegas)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Roy & Carolyn Arves
Chuck & Judy Lively
Henry & Alice Schuman
Jim & Barb Going (Washington)
Jerry & Colleen Mans
Lindy & Lauretta Stanfield

We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns

Pastor Robin Fish (pastor at Power/Fairfield)
Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

We pray for those serving in the military and for our First Responders

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Detective
Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Scott Backus, MANG
Scott Broberg, USAF
Ricardo Dominguez, USAF
Caleb Eberly, USA
Jacob Eberly, USA
Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)
Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)
Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves
Mychal Taylor, MANG
Vail VanVoast (LaVelle & Ron's granddaughter), MANG
Mattie Young, ANG

CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	**www.trinity-mt.org**
Also visit & **"like"** our Facebook page	
Montana District LCMS	**www.mtdistlcms.org**
LCMS	**www.lcms.org**
Concordia Publishing House	**www.cph.org**
Higher Things	**www.higherthings.org**
Issues, Etc.	**www.issuesetc.org**
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	**thewordendures.org**
Lutherans for Life	**lutheransforlife.org**
LWML	**www.lwml.org**
The Lutheran Witness	**ww.lcms.org/witness**
LCMS Radio on the web	**www.kfuoam.org**
Lutheran Hour Ministries	**www.lhm.org**
The Reporter	**www.lcms.org/reporter**