

# Grace Notes

**November 16, 2025**

Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Sunday – 11/16/2025 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study  
10:00a Divine Service  
**Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant**  
**Audio / Video / Music~ Issac Schultz**

**Monday – 11/17/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

**Tuesday – 11/18/2025**

**5:00 to 9:00pm** *Burgers for Benefits* at Fuddruckers'  
6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

**Wednesday – 11/19/2025**

9:30a Women's Bible study  
**11:30a LWML Board meeting**  
4:00p Confirmation class  
5:30p Adult Choir practice  
6:30p Mid-Week Divine Service

**Thursday – 11/20/2025**

8:30a Men's Bible study  
**10:00a Missions & Evangelism**  
**6:00p Church Council**

**Friday – 11/21/2025**

*Church office closed*

**Saturday – 11/22/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

**Sunday – 11/23/2025 ~ The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study  
10:00a Divine Service  
**11:30a Quarterly Voter's Meeting & Elections**  
**Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant**  
**Audio / Video ~ Isaac Schultz**  
**Organist ~ Gloria Creek**



**What:** *decorating the church for Advent*  
**Where:** *Trinity Lutheran Church*  
**When:** *Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>*  
**Time:** *9:30am to Noon-ish*  
**Who:** *YOU!!*

Each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving we gather in the Sanctuary to put up the Christmas trees, hang the banners, set up the Nativity and get the church ready for the beginning of the new church year, also known as Advent.

This year we would like you to join us and help with the set up.

We need help with the following:

- Getting all the Christmas decorations out of their various storage places
- Setting up the two trees on the Chancel area in the Sanctuary
- Setting up the two trees in the Narthex/entryway
- Hanging the banners
- Setting up the Nativity by the pulpit

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please call the office or talk to Cheryl.



**Fellowship Time Help Needed!!** We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to help set up the coffee and cookies for Sunday mornings. This would be one or two Saturdays a month (the more people who volunteer the less often you would be asked to help). If you have are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or the Cheryl (406-452-2121).

We are also looking for individuals, couples, families or groups who would be willing to help with the tear down and clean-up follow Fellowship time each Sunday. If you have are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or the church office (406-452-2121).

**A/V Help** ~ The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know. Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Pastor Schultz or Cheryl (406-452-2121) for more information.

**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.

## **Holiday Schedule**

***Thanksgiving Day ~ November 27<sup>th</sup>***

10:00 am Matins Service

***Congregational Christmas Decorating***

***Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30am***

***First Sunday in Advent ~ November 30<sup>th</sup>***

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

***First Advent Mid-week ~ December 3<sup>rd</sup>***

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm          Worship 7:00 pm

***Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 7<sup>th</sup>***

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

***Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 10<sup>th</sup>***

Soup Supper ~ 6:00pm          Worship 7:00 pm

***Children's Christmas Service***

***Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 14<sup>th</sup>***

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service w/children's Christmas message ~ 10:00 am

***Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 17<sup>th</sup>***

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm          Worship 7:00 pm

***Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>***

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

***Christmas Eve Family Worship***

***Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 pm***

***Christmas Day ~ Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>***

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

***First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 28<sup>th</sup>***

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

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**The new Church Directories are ready!** If you have not received one yet, you can pick yours up in the back of the Sanctuary.

**2026 Work Plan** for the **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** Voter's Meeting are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

**Quarterly Voter's meeting/Elections** ~ The next *Quarterly Voter's meeting and Annual Elections* will be on **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** following the Divine Service. All members at least 18-years-old are invited and encouraged to attend this important annual meeting.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mission Collection** ~ **November 30<sup>th</sup>** is the next *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mission Collection*. This time we will be collecting to assist our sister congregations in Glasgow/Wolf Point /Plentywood in the endeavor to purchase and repair a home in Plentywood so they can call a pastor to their ministry.

**Advent Soup Suppers** ~ Believe it or not Advent is only a few weeks away. We will be having Advent soup suppers followed by an Advent service each Wednesday 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our first Advent Mid-Week.



**LWML Reminder** ~ It is time to get your annual dues into the treasurer. **The amount of your annual dues is \$15.50**, \$6.50 for *The Quarterly*, \$7.00 for the National Convention Delegate fee and \$4.00 for *The Missive*. The society covers \$2.00 of your fees. Make your checks payable to *Trinity LWML* and place them in the treasurer's (Sherri VanVleet) Narthex mailbox.

**Please save your old Portals of Prayer** and turn them into the church office for the LWML ladies' new project. More information to come.

**Coffee and Chat** ~ Want to learn sign language? New to American Sign language? Not sure where to start? Join us for Coffee and Chat! Learn more signs and practice what you know in a calm environment. **Every third Saturday of the month 11:00am-12:30pm** at the **Double Barrel Coffee House**, 1500 9th Ave S. Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 3340 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

**Trinity Scholarships** ~ Did you know that Trinity has scholarships available for families of Trinity who have, or would like to have, their children attending Wee Disciples Preschool and Day Care? The application is available on our website ([www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)) or in the church office.

**Contribution and Attendance Numbers**

**for the week of November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Bible study ( <i>women's, men's Sunday</i> )	29
Sunday school	17
Mid-week Service	15
Divine Service	94
Offerings	\$4,844
Vanco	\$600

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***The week of November 16<sup>th</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup>***

***Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week***

November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mike ♥ Lisa Romig (34)
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael ♥ DeAnna Martin (39)
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Channing ♥ Donna Hartelius (18)

***Celebrating their Birthday this week***

November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Doll Denise Rutledge
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Burkstrand Tim Chapman
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rochelle Kimmerle
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Adelmeyer Mike Grams Gary Somerfeld

***Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week***

November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kane Smith
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Macie Wheeler
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Marty Eberly Crosley Kotz

***Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week***

November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Isaac Lee Gary Vik
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Adelmeyer
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Hayes

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## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

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

### ***We pray for our members***

Joyce Bush	Ellen Carpenter
Neil Hamm	Gary Headington
Lidia Neumann	Kirk Norris
David O'Meara	Lauretta Stanfield
Lindy Stanfield	Joy Suek

### ***We pray for friends and family of our members***

Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)  
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)  
Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)  
Dawn & Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister and mother)  
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)  
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)  
Phil (Kathie Sybrant's father)  
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)  
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)  
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)  
Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's mother)

### ***We pray for our expectant mothers and their families***

William and Grace Harr (due in December)

### ***We pray for...***

**Pastor Robin and Cheryl Fish** as they prepare to move to Montana to fill the vacancy at Zion - Power/St. John - Fairfield

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

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

Pastor Ray Wiegert (former pastor at Messiah-Missoula)

**We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers**

Roy & Carolyn Arves

Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Henry & Alice Schuman

**We pray for our shut-ins**

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)

Bob Blomstrom (Helena)

Ellen Carpenter (Eagle's Manor)

Anita Erickson (home)

Ed Hickel (home)

Darlene Murray (Kansas)

Arlene Nelson (Rosetta House)

Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)

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

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department (Bob Blomstrom's  
grandson-in-law)

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Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Daniel Crème', USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

## **The Lutheran Hour ~ November 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ "An Unlikely King"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

**FM 106.9** will be transmitting *The Lutheran Hour* on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. The weekly broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* is also available at **[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)**, on the **Connected by LHM** mobile app, on **Sirius XM Family Talk Channel**, and platforms like **Spotify**, **iHeartRadio**, dialing in on your phone, and more.

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**Lutherans for Life ~ November 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ “When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.” Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans for Life ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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### **Other Helpful Links**

Trinity Lutheran Church	<b><a href="http://www.trinity-mt.org">www.trinity-mt.org</a></b>
Also visit & “like” our Facebook page	
Concordia Publishing House	<b><a href="http://www.cph.org">www.cph.org</a></b>
Higher Things	<b><a href="http://www.higherthings.org">www.higherthings.org</a></b>
Issues, Etc.	<b><a href="http://www.issuesetc.org">www.issuesetc.org</a></b>
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	<b><a href="http://thewordendures.org">thewordendures.org</a></b>
LCMS Radio on the web	<b><a href="http://www.kfuoaam.org">www.kfuoaam.org</a></b>
LCMS	<b><a href="http://www.lcms.org">www.lcms.org</a></b>
Lutherans for Life	<b><a href="http://lutheransforlife.org">lutheransforlife.org</a></b>
LWML	<b><a href="http://www.lwml.org">www.lwml.org</a></b>
Montana District LCMS	<b><a href="http://www.mtdistlcms.org">www.mtdistlcms.org</a></b>
The Lutheran Witness	<b><a href="http://www.lcms.org/witness">www.lcms.org/witness</a></b>