

Grace Notes

November 23, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

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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

Monday – 11/24/2025

11:00a **Wee Disciples Thanksgiving Chapel and Dinner**

Tuesday – 11/25/2025

Nothing scheduled

Wednesday – 11/26/2025

Nothing scheduled

Thursday – 11/27/2025

Wee Disciples Closed

Church Office Closed

10:00a **Thanksgiving Day Matins**
Duty Elder ~ Ron VanVoast
Organist ~ Gloria Creek

Friday – 11/21/2025

Wee Disciples Closed

Church Office Closed

Saturday – 11/29/2025

9:30a **Congregational Christmas Tree decorating**

Sunday – 11/30/2025 ~ First Sunday in Advent

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Scott Broberg
Audio / Video / Music ~ Denise Rutledge



What: *decorating the church for Advent*
Where: *Trinity Lutheran Church*
When: *Saturday, November 29th*
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 are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or 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 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 (406-402-2081) or the church office (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 ~ 2025

Thanksgiving Day ~ November 27th

10:00 am Matins Service

Congregational Christmas Decorating

Saturday, November 29th ~ 9:30am

First Sunday in Advent ~ November 30th

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Advent Mid-week ~ December 3rd

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

Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 7th

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 10th

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

Children's Christmas Service

Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 14th

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

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

Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 17th

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

Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 21st

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Family Worship

Wednesday, December 24th ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Thursday, December 25th

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 28th

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am



Advent Brunch
Saturday, December 13
10:00 am
Trinity Lutheran Church
Great Falls

“The Blessings of Christmas – Today”

Ingathering: diapers & wipes for Toby’s House

**Please join us for fellowship and
time in God’s Word!**

Bring a dish to share

Baking for a Cause - It's time for the **LWML Cookie Walk!** This year we will have cookies available **Sunday, December 21st** after church. You can fill up a plate of delicious Christmas delicacies to take to work parties or family gatherings...or take them home to enjoy. We will even wrap your plate for you! **Funds raised will be split between Family Promise and our local 2026 LWML Mission Grants.** Previous grants have gone to support missionaries, seminarians, chaplains, Trinity Lutheran Camp, and various local organizations. Family Promise is one such organization that helps families experiencing homelessness and provides support through local services and resources. Please join us December 21st to raise money that provides for our neighbors' needs - here and across the world. Cookie donations are welcome!

Sewing and quilters needed! Our LWML will be donating a baby quilt on behalf of our congregation at our District Convention in April. We want this to be a group effort and are looking for people to donate fabric, cut squares and even help sew the quilt top together.

We are hoping to tie the quilt in February - more info about that to come later. Please contact Sylvia Adams for more details (406) 781-3911.

Our next LWML Group Gathering will be Saturday, January 3rd. We will finalize our budget - which means we get to vote on which Mission Projects we will support in 2026! What a joyful time it is to make plans to support church workers here and abroad, help our neighbors in need, share Jesus' love with kids at camp and through military chaplains... there are so many possibilities! Ladies - come help us plan for the outreach of the Gospel on January 3rd.

Our **Sunday School Christmas program** will be during the church service on December 14th this year. We will be practicing during the Sunday School hour (8:30-9:30) on November 30th, December 7th and December 14th. We would love to have all of our church children come and participate - open to ages 3 and up. Please see Amy for more information.

What do those candles on the Advent Wreath mean? **Come make an Advent Wreath on Wednesday, December 3rd** and find out! All Sunday School kids and their families are welcome to come decorate a family wreath to take home. We are also inviting our Wee Disciples families to come and join us. We will provide sample family devotions, and snacks to enjoy while doing the craft. **This come-and-go activity will run from 4:00-5:30**, so you can be done in time for our first Advent soup supper at 6:00. *Already have a wreath?* We will have extra candles available after church on November 30th and December 7th. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Amy at 970-480-7776.

Youth Group Get Together ~ We are planning on having a Youth Group event on December 21st. One of the activities we are planning is making up the Christmas goodie bags that are normally handed out after the Christmas Eve service. We are also planning supper (or lunch) and games, as well. Plan on joining us!

5th Sunday Mission Collection ~ **November 30th** is the next *5th 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 3rd** 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.

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 11th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

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

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) or in the church office.

Trinity Lutheran Church Contact Information

Phone ~ 406-452-2121

Email ~ trinity@trinity-mt.org

If you have the church cell number as the way to contact the church, please change the church cell phone number (406-590-6460) BACK TO the church landline number (406-452-2121) in your contacts. You can call the regular church number any time and Cheryl will either answer the phone in the office, or it will be forwarded to the cell phone. The only time she will NOT answer is if she is out of town on personal business and the cell phone will NOT be with her.

Please remove Cheryl's personal cell and email from your contacts as these are no longer valid.

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of November 10th through November 16th

Adult Bible study (<i>women's, men's Sunday</i>)	37
Sunday school	10
Mid-week Service	18
Divine Service	98
Offerings	\$4,085
Vanco	\$150

The week of November 23rd through November 30th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

November 23rd Channing ♥ Donna Hartelius (18)

November 26th Chuck ♥ Judy Lively (20)

Celebrating their Birthday this week

November 23rd Michael Adelmeyer

Mike Grams

Gary Somerfeld

November 25th Roy Arves (80+)

Maryanne Kingland

November 28th Heidi Paul

Rachel Wied

November 30th Ashlee Graves

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

November 24th Michael Adelmeyer

Chrissy Gollahon

November 26th Neil Burkstrand

Rochelle Sand

November 29th Kenny Chapman

November 30th Sam Birkett

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

None

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

Joyce Bush	Ellen Carpenter
Lucy Ann Hall	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)

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 30th ~ "Rise and Shine"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (*Romans 13:11*)

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**, 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.

Lutherans for Life ~ November 23th ~ "Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture, a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope."
Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & "like" our Facebook page	
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
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuam.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness