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First Sunday in Advent **November 29, 2026**

WELCOME TO TRINITY We are glad to have you worship with us today! We ask visitors who wish to participate in Holy Communion to visit with the Pastor or an Elder before the service. Thank you.

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SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 A.M.

SERMON: *Jesus Enters Jerusalem as the Promised King*
TEXT: Mark 11:1-10
SERMON HYMN: 350 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*
SERVING TODAY: Elder: Jeff Koch
Altar Guild: Diane Koch
Schedule: **Today:** Fifth Sunday Service Opportunity Door Offering
Today: at 10:20 am Decorate the Church, lunch to follow
December 2: at 5:15 pm Meal; 6:30 pm Advent Service

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Altar Flowers: Are given by Lucas and Chelsea, to the glory of God and in memory of Phyllis Hunter.

If you have Thrivent, remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Our Prayer Requests:

† Vera Fletcher, is receiving hospice care.
† Sami Bain, family friend of the Chas & Chelsy Funaro. She is starting her battle with stage 4 colon cancer.
† Emily Steensma Freemen, family friend of the Durand's, for healing of serious surgery complications.
† Wayne Martens, receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer.
† Tina Cantrell, daughter of Larry and Diane Cross, for healing.
† Marilyn Van Zee, sister of Dennis Smith, for healing.
† Linda Marquardt for the trials and tribulations she faces with her MS.

Ladies…Save the date for our annual Advent/Christmas luncheon. Join us Saturday, December 5th from 11-1 as we share fellowship, food, and most importantly, Jesus. Bring a friend and sign up on the sheet in the entryway or let Sue or Diane know. We will be accepting donations for the Perry Lutheran Home. Please see the entryway table for the items to collect.

Building Healthy Families: Whiter Than Snow! Love it or dread it, there's something remarkable about the first snowfall of the year. Overnight, the familiar landscape is transformed by a beautiful blanket of sparkling white. Everything looks fresh, clean, and peaceful – at least until the plows or cows come through! The next time snowflakes start falling, take a moment to enjoy the view. Better yet, let that beautiful blanket of white remind you of something even more wonderful: God's amazing gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ: *"…though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."* — Isaiah 1:18 What a beautiful picture of God's grace. Through Christ, we are forgiven and made clean. Perhaps even sparkling. That's a gift worth celebrating, no matter what the weather brings. Live this week in the light of God's amazing love and forgiveness! Lutheran Family Service | www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Thought in the Church Year for November 29 – Advent 1: Isaiah reminds us that every person is created by God. We are all the work of His hands: "we are the clay and He is our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). Not only does this teach us that each life is precious, it instructs us that our lives and our bodies are not ours to do with as we please. It is God alone who determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him. Thankfully, we can rest securely in His care, upholding His gift of life, because "God is faithful" and "sustains you to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8).

Scripture: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" — Mark 11:9–10
Stewardship Sentence: As we enter the Advent season, we prepare our hearts and steward our lives in eager anticipation of our Lord's arrival.

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS: Summer Ory, & Greg Radke

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Giving Report 11/22/2026: General: TBA; Mission: TBA

Attendance 11/22/2026: 35

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