

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025

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: *Waiting Without Wondering*

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 11:2-15

SERMON HYMN: 346 *"When all the Word Was Cursed"*

SERVING TODAY: Elder: Jeff Koch

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild

Schedule: **Wednesday 12/17** Meal at 5:30 p.m. **Sunday, 12/14** Christmas

Caroling at 2:00 p.m.

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Altar Flowers: Are provided by Dan and Summer Ory to the glory of God and in memory of Canyon Hopkins.

Our Prayer Requests:

† Tina Cantrell, daughter of Larry and Diane Cross, receiving treatment for cancer.

† Dennis Brott, recovering from knee surgery.

† Steve Rutz & Bruce Rutz, brothers of Sue Coon, undergoing cancer treatments.

† Marilyn Van Zee, sister of Dennis Smith, for healing.

† Mary Haglaud, cancer, friend of Dennis Smith.

† Linda Marquardt for the trials and tribulations she faces with her MS.

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

KCCI/Channel 8: Watch for Services and Activities Cancellations on Channel 8 or you can check the KCCI Webpage <https://www.kcci.com/weather/closings>

The Service Opportunities, today, fifth Sunday door collection on December 14th will be donated to support our Seminary Student, Max Johnston and his family.

We are collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the local food pantries. These can be placed in the box in the coat rack area. Thank you for your support in helping to make a difference.

Building Healthy Families: *"Children are a gift from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."* Psalm 127:3 For over 124 years, Lutheran Family Service has connected children to parents through adoption and still serves families through this and a multitude of other ways, all consistent with the teachings of the LCMS church and without the interference of being tied to government funding. In thanksgiving to God for an important child or grandchild He has put in your life, celebrate the blessing of family with us this Christmas by making a gift in their honor or memory. Your gift in their honor will help a child, teen, or family in need of support this year. It's easy and you can do it right now from your smart phone by VENMO to @LutheranFamilyService, make your gift online at the "donate" tab on our website, or send your gift by mail to LFS/Admin Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. On behalf of those we serve, we thank God for your partnership and generosity! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Thought in the Church Year for December 14 – Advent 3: God sends us, like John, to be His messengers and share His Gospel with the world before He comes (Matthew 11:10). Instead of grumbling against one another (James 5:9), we have the privilege of sharing Christ's forgiveness, comfort, and encouragement with those having feeble knees and anxious hearts (Isaiah 35:3-4), especially with those frightened women facing surprise pregnancies, women enduring the cross of barrenness, and those carrying the guilt of abortion.

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS: Jayme Brott

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Giving Report 12/03/2025: General: To be announced; Mission: To be announced

Giving Report 12/07/2025: General: To be announced; Mission: To be announced

Attendance 12/03/2025: 12

Attendance 12/07/2025: 32

Divine Service

(Setting Three)

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Confession & Absolution

Confession/Absolution..... p. 184-5

Service of the Word

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Patri.....p. 186

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Collect.....Insert

OT Reading.....Insert

Gradual.....Insert

Epistle.....Insert

Alleluia.....p. 190

Holy Gospel.....Insert

Children's Message

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Offering

Prayer of the Church (*stand*)

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Pax Domini

Agnus Dei.....p. 198

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Benediction.....p. 202

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