

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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*Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!*



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*The Second Sunday in Advent*

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December 6 & 7, 2025



## Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, **guests** who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



***In our prayers:*** Judy Bankey (*friend of Deb & Kim Weerts*), Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue Cornett (*sister of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Diane Hart, Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Edith Schwark, Nikky Shute, Val Smith (*friend of Rachel Taube*), Mallory Glazik-Sommer (*friend of many members*), Colter Strickland (*extended family of Hart/Pfeifer/Shute*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell and Ken Winebaugh.

*For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.*

**+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203 +**

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**Hymn of Invocation: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

*LSB 359*

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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**L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** (*Spoken responsively 1/2 verse by 1/2 verse*) Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29

Say to the daughter of Zion,

**“Behold, your salvation comes.”**

The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,

**and you shall have gladness of heart.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

Restore us, O God;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Turn again, O God of hosts!

**Look down from heaven, and see.**

But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,

**the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,  
**and you shall have gladness of heart.**

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

*Psalm 50:2–3a, 5*

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

**Our God comes; he does not keep silence;**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,

**who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**

**Epistle**

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

<sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay

awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

*LSB 336*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*After each petition*

**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

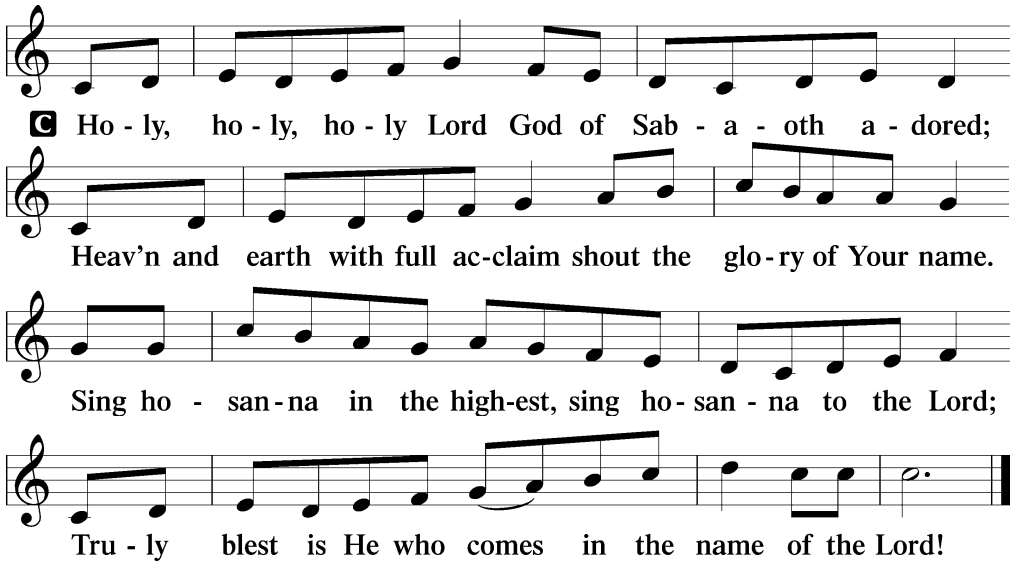
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn: What Is This Bread**

*LSB 629*

**Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

*LSB 636*

**Distribution Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

*LSB 643*

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

*LSB 353*

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### ***In Response to our Savior's Love***

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings: Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	44	80	124	\$ 2,811.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 140.00
Community Thanksgiving			91	<i>For Herscher Council of Churches</i>		\$ 3,120.00
Thanksgiving Day			50		\$ 2,770.00	
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	8	54	62	\$ 3,531.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 290.00
Bible Study	N/A	13	13			
Sunday School			26	\$ 12.00		

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses      \$ 5,950.00

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments      \$ 692.00

*Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. **Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list. 2026 offering envelopes will be available late December.***

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - December 7 – Advent 2

**Romans 15:5 – “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.”** All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And knowing that, how can we not be thankful?

### ***Announcements***

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Deb & Kim Weerts for Advent.

**Offerings:** Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary.

**Little Lambs Wreath Pick-up** will be this Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm & Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:40am-Noon.

**Sunday School Christmas Program Practice has started.** It is held each Sunday during the first ½ of Sunday School. Please contact Heather Meredith 815-573-1056 or Heather Thurston 815-791-6708 with any questions. Please try to have your children here each week for practice.

This Sunday, December 7th, the children will be creating Christmas ornaments during their class time.

A full dress-rehearsal for the Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 21st during the Sunday School hour.

**Wrapped Christmas Candy Donations needed:** We are accepting candy donations for the bags that will be distributed Christmas Eve following the Children's service. Thank you in advance for your donations!

**Raise Right (formerly Scrip) Gift Card orders** for pre-Christmas delivery are due **by 11:00am Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to: *Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool*. **Thank you for your support!**



**A Blood Drive** will be held Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon-6:00pm. Contact Deb Chmielowiec at 815-954-1363 for more information or to make an appointment.

**Dartball games** will be held Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. These games have been rescheduled from last week, due to inclement weather. Please check your Dartball schedules.

**Mid-Week Advent Worship** continues on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Pastor Brown & Pastor Wyeth are doing a pulpit exchange during Advent. Please join us as we await the birth of our Lord and Savior.



**Trini-Teens Christmas Party & Cookie Decorating** will be held Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Meet in the Parish Hall!

**Angel Tree Ministry:** Angel ornaments are available on the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall. The numbered angel is tagged on the back with items that are needed/wished for.

Please use this tag to select your purchase(s). **Please purchase your gift and return to the church office wrapped with the angel tag (number side up) taped to the package by 12:00pm on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be distributed through the school district to families and/or directly to others in need in the community. Recipients will remain anonymous. Thank you and God bless!



**Hannah Circle Nut Sale-a few bags left:** We continue to see Priester's Pecans in the Parish Hall for our annual fundraiser to benefit our missions and ministries. Thank you for all your support!

## *Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule*

*(In addition to our regular services held Saturdays at 5:00pm & Sundays at 8:30am)*

<i>Advent Worship Service</i>	<i>December 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>Advent Worship Service</i>	<i>December 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Christmas Program</i>	<i>December 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i>	<i>December 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>10:30pm</i>
<i>Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion</i>	<i>December 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>9:00am</i>



## ***This week at Trinity Lutheran Church***

Sunday 12/07	8:30am	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
	10:40am-12:00pm	<b>Wreath Pick-up</b>
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	11:00am	<b>Raise Right Gift Card Orders Due</b>
	12:00-6:00pm	Blood Drive
	2:00pm	<b>Worship Service @ Villas at Herscher</b>
	7:00pm	Dartball Practice
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:30am	Circuit Meeting @ Emmanuel, Dwight
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	<b><i>Advent Worship</i></b>
	7:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday	5:30pm	Trini-Teens Christmas Party & Cookie Decorating
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
Sunday 12/14	8:30am	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
	12:00pm	<b>Angel Tree Gifts Due</b>

### ***Serving the Lord Today***

*Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown*

*Kantor: Caleb Dehning*

*Elder/Communion:*

*Kevin Kruse (Sat.)*

*Joe Hart (Sun.)*

*Next Week:*

*Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)*

*Ken Taube (Sun.)*

*Usher Captain:*

*Van Schwark (Sat.)*

*Bill Orr (Sun.)*

*Altar Guild:*

*Cheryl Brutlag & Paula Kruse*