

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



The First Sunday in Advent

November 29 & 30, 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*), 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: The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

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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- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

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.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

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 Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5–8

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Psalms 25:3–4

None who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 21:1–9

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

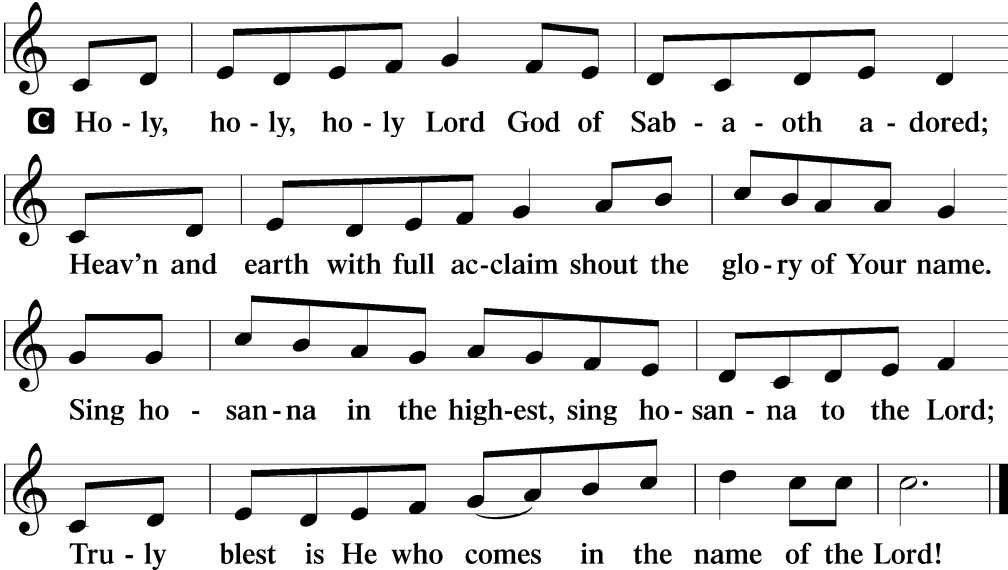
C We lift them to the Lord.

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

Lord's Prayer

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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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord *LSB 637*


Distribution Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table *LSB 618*

Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior *LSB 619*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to 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.

Acknowledgments

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In Response to our Savior’s Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
November 16 th	54	83	137		\$ 5,895.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 160.00
November 23 rd	44	80	124		\$ 2,811.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 140.00
Community Thanksgiving			91				
Bible Study	3	22	25				
High School Bible Study			0				
Sunday School			28		\$ 15.00		
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 - November 30 – Advent 1
Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bryan & Kamber Johnston in honor of Sawyer's 9th birthday.

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

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.

Dartball games will be held Monday, December 1st at 7:00pm. Trinity 1 @ Dwight, Methodist; Trinity 2 @ home vs. Emmanuel.

Martha Circle/Quilt Tying/Sewing Group will meet Tuesday, December 2nd from 10:00am-3:00pm to tie quilts. There will be a pot-luck lunch at Noon, bring a dish to share. Come join them for a while, lunch, or all day!

Mid-Week Advent Worship begins Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm. Pastor Brown & Pastor Wyeth will do a pulpit exchange during Advent. Please join us as we await the birth of our Lord and Savior.

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

Hannah Circle Nut Sale: We are selling Priester's Pecans in the Parish Hall for our annual fundraiser to benefit our missions and ministries.



Raise Right (formerly Scrip) Gift Card orders for pre-Christmas delivery are due **by 11:00am Monday, December 8th.**

A Blood Drive will be held Monday, December 8th from Noon-6:00pm. Contact Deb Chmielowiec at for information or to make an appointment.



Water Lead Testing Update: Additional testing has been completed after the construction of the new water main was completed and flushed out. The results are posted on the bulletin boards in the preschool hallway and in the Parish Hall.

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 11/30	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	7:00pm	Dartball Games-Trin. 1@Dwight, Methodist; Trin. 2@home
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	10:00am-3pm	Quilt Tying/Sewing Group
	12:00pm	Martha Circle/Quilt Tying/Sewing Pot-Luck
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	<i>Advent Worship</i>
	7:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	3:00-4:00pm	Wreath Pick-Up
	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 12/07	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
	10:40am-Noon	Wreath Pick-up

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Kevin Kruse (Sat.)

Joe Hart (Sun.)

Next Week:

Kevin Kruse (Sat.)

Joe Hart (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Gerald Kruse (Sat.)

Dan Shute (Sun.)

Van Schwark (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Pam Matern

& Brian Noffke

Cheryl Brutlag

& Paula Kruse