

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**December 3,
2023**

**First Sunday
of Advent**

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First Sunday of Advent



HOLY COMMUNION ~SETTING 10

9:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023



Christ Welcomes All to this House of Worship! Today we begin a new Church Year as gather on this First Sunday in Advent in wait of Christ who came, who comes to us now through Word & Sacrament, and who is coming again. Today we light the “Candle of Hope” on the Advent Wreath reminding us how God comes to those least expected. May the power of the Spirit help us receive Him who brings you good tidings of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

We Thank God for guests & visitors and pray you will receive a special blessing today as we go forth together to love and serve others.

- Children yet to be instructed in Communion are invited to receive a personal blessing at the time of Communion.
- Fellowship and refreshments are available in the Library following this morning’s service.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from the ushers.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

THANK YOU for signing the Friendship Pad as it’s passed to you during Communion distribution today.

PREFERENCE to receiving grape juice & gluten-free bread is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

I WISH CARDS are in your pews; please let us know your ideas to improve our Trinity home.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist’s plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

PRELUDE /BELL

NOISY OFFERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace. **Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

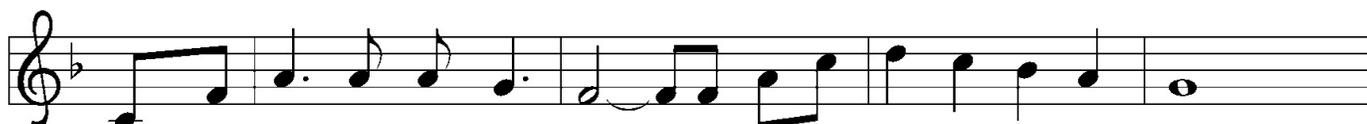
Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ✠ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

*Refrain***GREETING**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come." (Mark 13:35)

We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.



Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 80

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

The first reading is in Isaiah chapter 64, verses 1-9.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

The second reading in in 1 Corinthians chapter 1, verses 3-9.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(vs. 1) ELW #257

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

GOSPEL**Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

ACS #949

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain

Chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Merciful God, receive our prayer.

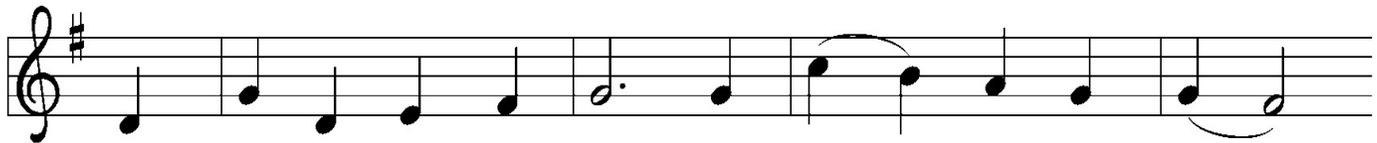
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

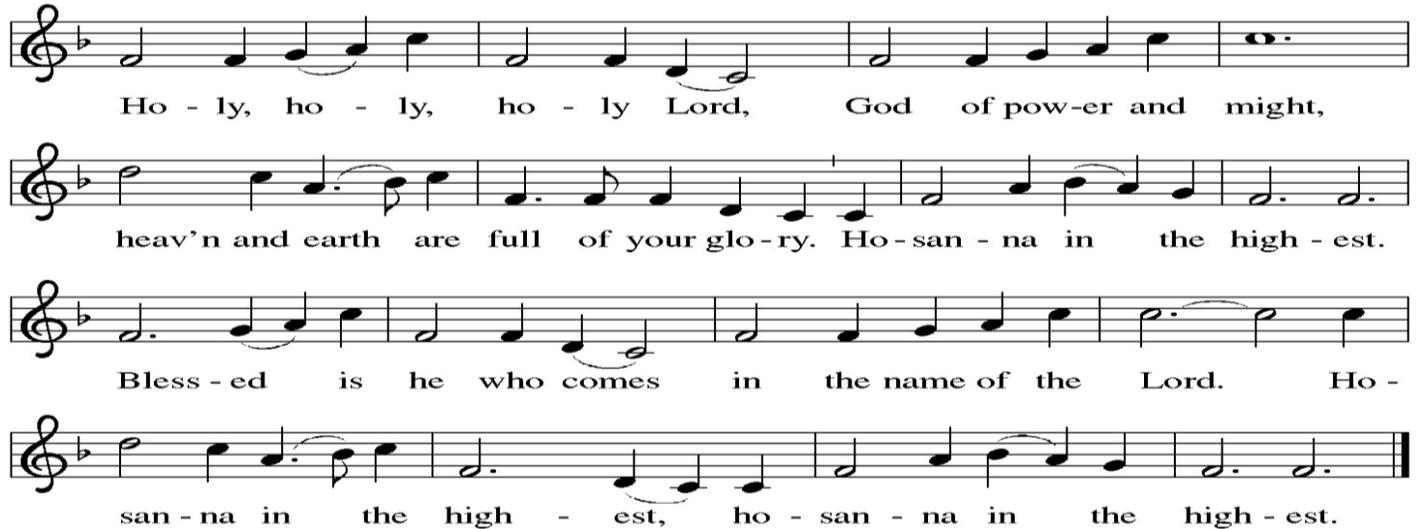
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

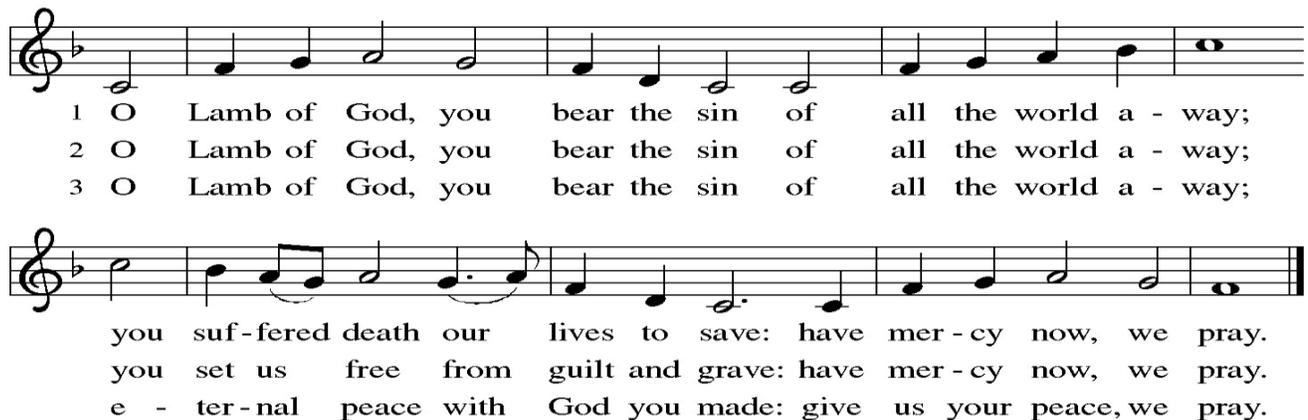
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Christ, Be Our Light



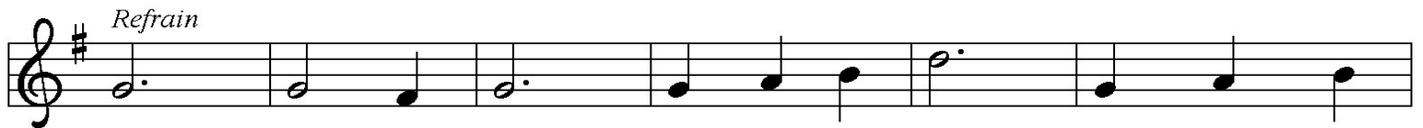
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYER

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✝ remain upon you now and forever. Amen.



SENDING SONG

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

ACS #950

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

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num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry		
Acolyte	Kelsey Ladd		
Readers	Rose Wall		
Communion Assistants	Lee Johnson at the rail		
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen		
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson		
Ushers	Eric & Juli Wahlborg		
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner		



IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT DOUBLE BATCH or two of your favorite Christmas cookies to donate to the cookie walk. Our sale is from 10:00 – 11:00 on Sunday morning, December 17th. Please deliver your cookies, krum cake, rosettes, or other special treats to the church kitchen by Saturday, **December 16th** at Noon if possible.



LEFSE MAKERS ARE NEEDED MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th BETWEEN 4:00 AND 8:00 PM. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE. Come when you can! Please spread the word to your family and friends about this great bake sale. Contact Darlene Brummund with any questions at 276-8013. All proceeds go to people in need with Action Team funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA for \$14.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office by Dec. 10th. You have the option of ordering a red, white, or pink poinsettia. Please specify when you sign up. You are welcome to take your plant following the Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24th.

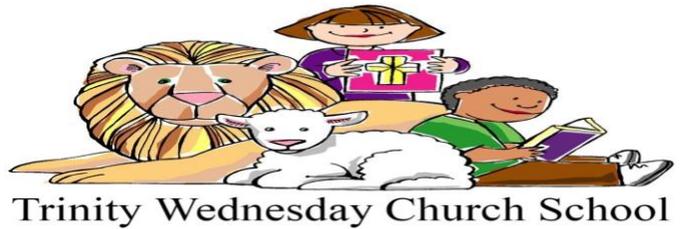


Trinity friends! Please pick up Christmas food boxes in the church narthex (and the instructions of what to pack in them) today. Please have your filled boxes back to church December 10th. Help us spread some love this holiday season!

A new Advent Calendar is available in the back of the Sanctuary.

The Advent Dinner is tonight at 5:00 PM!





Please join us for Trinity’s “Dining Out”, following church services 12/17/2023. “Breaking Bread Together” is an opportunity to get to know each other better and share stories. We will be meeting at 11:00 AM at the Golf Course Meeting Room. Our goal will be to Dine Out” the 3rd Sunday of each month!

You are invited to Trinity Church School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30! Our students will be following the Sunday School Curriculum at the evening classes. This change has been made after asking our parents if this change would help with busy children’s activities. Please join us! Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Welcome to all our students!

SEMC has the New Flu and the Bivalent COVID booster available. You have call SEMC at 794-3691 to schedule an appointment. Forms for the vaccine are available at the church in the narthex or on the SEMC website.



Boosters are also available at Randy’s Drug. Please call ahead. Flu shots are available anytime.

**Painting
Classes in
Session!**

DECEMBER 20TH 6:30-7:30 PM

Painting class with John Ebenhon Grades 3-6th

Christmas craft painting prek-2nd grade

Christmas treats will be provided

Projects will be on display for the Christmas Service for families to admire!

RSVP:
No later than December 3rd. Please use your remind app or text 507-215-2866

December

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <small>10 AM Set up for Advent Dinner</small>
<p>3 First Sunday of Advent 9 am Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>5:00 Advent Dinner</p>	<p>4 9 am Quilting K-Grade 4 Christmas Program at Public School</p>	<p>5 6:30 pm AA</p> <p><i>Are you baking for the Cookie Walk Yet? It's our way of helping so many people in need in our area!</i></p>	<p>6 9 am-Women's Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7 7am-Men's Bible Study</p>	8	9
<p>10 Second Sunday of Advent 9 am Worship~Baptism 10:00 am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>11 9 am Quilting 6:30 pm Social Ministries Board 4-8 pm Join Us!</p> <p>Making Lefsa</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>13 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park Bible Study 5 pm Trinity Choir 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Youth Caroling</p>	<p>14 7am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>15 Drop off Cookie Walk Goodies in the Library!!</p>	<p>16 Before Noon Drop off Cookie Walk Goodies in the Library!</p>
<p>17 Third Sunday of Advent 9 am Holy Communion~Children's Service 10 am Cookie Walk</p> <p>11 am Breaking Bread</p>	<p>18 Office Closed~Darlene Vacation Day 9 am Quilting</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>20 9 am-Women's Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Trinity Choir Caroling 6:30 pm Church School 7 pm Confirmation</p> <p>Tidings Articles Due</p>	<p>21 7am-Men's Bible Study</p>	22	23
<p>24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9 am Holy Communion 10 pm Fellowship</p> <p>Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>26 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>27 9 am-Women's Bible Study 1 pm Ross Park Bible Study</p>	<p>28 7am-Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>29 2 pm St. John's Bingo</p>	30
<p>31 9 am Worship New Year's EVE</p>	<p>New Year's Day</p>					



Holiday Bake Sale

The Trinity Women of the ELCA

Invite everyone to attend our 33rd Annual

Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 17th

10:00 ~ 11:00

Following the Christmas Program

Held at

Trinity Lutheran Church

217 Brackenridge SW, Sleepy Eye

Proceeds Will Go To People In Need

Supplemental Funds Provided By Thrivent Action Team

December 3, 2023

One day the whole world will see Jesus return.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3	Hope for the end times
Tuesday	Zechariah 14:1-9	God will come to rule
Wednesday	Matthew 24:29-31	Be ready for that day
Thursday	Luke 21:25-36	Be alert for that day
Friday	Revelation 14:13	Stay faithful to Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 110	The Lord's rule
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	John the Baptist prepares the way



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.” Mark 13:26 (NIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for your words of grace and peace, which never pass away. Amen. (Mark 1:31; 1 Corinthians 1:8)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our Savior we watch and we wait. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you strong in your faith until Jesus comes again. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were waiting for something or someone.
- Jesus said that one day he would return to our world with great power and glory. Is Jesus' return something you look forward to? Why?
- Jesus said, "My words will never pass away." (Mark 13:31) What words of Jesus are especially important to you?

DEVOTIONS

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent. Using four blue or purple candles and a white center candle, set up a home Advent wreath. In your household devotion times this week, light the first candle and use the following words:

The first candle on our Advent wreath is the PROPHECY CANDLE. Long ago, God promised to send a Savior. He used prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah to give people hope for the future. (Light the first candle.)

Have a household member read Isaiah 9:6. Then say this prayer together, repeating after the leader:

Lord God, thank you for keeping the promises you made through the prophets and sending us a Savior. Fill us with hope as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. Amen.

SERVICE

At Christmas time, we remember that God gave himself in Christ to the world to save us. In response, we are called to give to those less fortunate. This week, start purchasing non-perishable grocery items to donate to a local food pantry or charity serving needy persons or families. Set aside a special box for these items and add to it each week of Advent. When it is full, wrap up your gift, attach a Christmas card and make your donation. Pray for those people it will assist.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

With the beginning of the new church year in Advent, the church hears a new set of readings from the Bible (the main Gospel used this year will be Mark). Gather together all the Bibles in your home and use this prayer of blessing:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Bible, and especially for the good news about Jesus our Savior. As we read, listen to and think about what the Bible says to us in this new church year, make us into people who are strong in our faith and full of love. Amen.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	137
Weekly Confirmation Attendance:	19
Wednesday Church School Attendance:	39
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$5013.63
November Giving: (\$22,920. Needed)	\$30,157.60
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$208,951.03
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$274,970.00
We need everyone's help to meet our Budget!	



This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Krista, Trisha, Mark, Diane, Cindy, Sherry, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more...

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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