



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, November 30, 2025**  
**1st Week of Advent**  
**Daniel**

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

David Cherwien

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**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS\***

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Long-expected God,

C: **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness.† You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN\***

*"Each Winter as the Year Grows Older"*

**ELW #252**

vs 1, 3, 4 & 5

William Gay & Annabeth Gay

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1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,

3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from

4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the

5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the

death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that

north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can

pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.

we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.

kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.

new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

**\*INVOCATION\***

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE\***

**ELW pgs. 184-185**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

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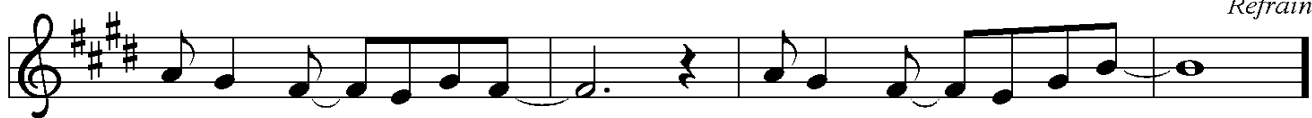
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

God of fiery flames, Even the most raging fire could not destroy your servants when they called upon you in faith. Give us faith to withstand anything that rages to deter us from following you. Amen.

**\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH\***

**ELW #240**

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

vs. 1

Wayne L. Wold, Yiddish folk tune

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1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"In the Morning, Joy"*  
Trinity Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes  
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

DANIEL 3:1, 8-30

L: The good news according to Daniel 3

<sup>1</sup> King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. <sup>8</sup> Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup> You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, <sup>11</sup> and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up." <sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.” <sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary <sup>20</sup> and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup> So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup> Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup> But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” <sup>25</sup> He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” <sup>26</sup> Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” <sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

L: The gospel of God.

C: **Praise be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rich**

\*HYMN OF DAY\*

"Many and Great, O God"

ELW #837

vs. 1, 2 then in Dakota

Joseph R. Renville

M: Dakota tune; arr. *Songs of the People*

Arr. ©1986 Augsburg Pub, admin. Augsburg Fortress OL #25604

Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of  
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;  
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan  
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

**\*CREED\***

**Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: You spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.**

**By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: Freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.**

**Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: Forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.**

**Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us; renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.**

**Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.**

*A Statement of Faith as written by our Lutheran Sisters and Brothers from our Book of Worship*

**\*PRAYERS\***

**P:** God of grace,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE\***

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**MISSION MOMENT**

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today, or use this code to give electronically.*



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER\***

**P:** Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

**C:** **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts  
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE\***

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY\***

ELW pg.190



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

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION\***

- P: In the night...  
...gave it to the disciples, saying:  
C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**  
P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:  
C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**



**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER\***

ELW pg. 112

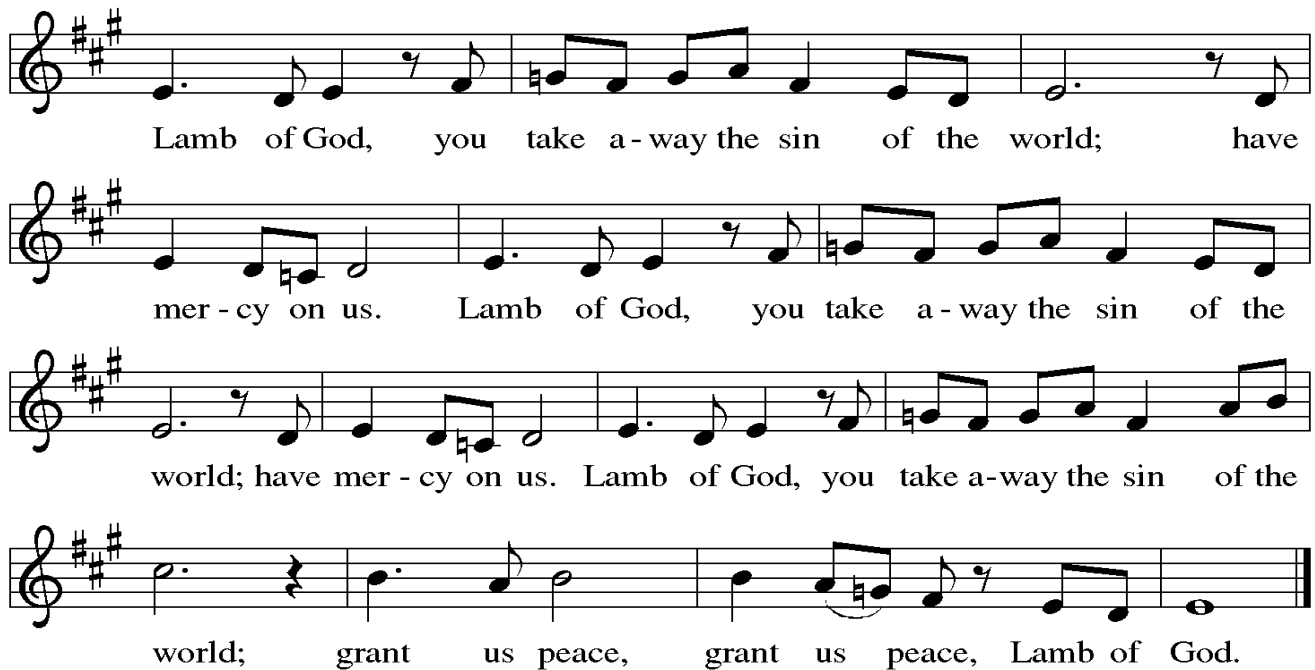
Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION\***

**\*COMMUNION HYMN\***

*"Lamb of God"*

ELW pg. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**COMMUNION**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

David Lanz  
©1994 Nara Music

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**\*BLESSING\***

P: May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.  
C: Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG\***

*"Blessed Be the God of Israel"*

**ELW #250**

W: Carl P. Daw Jr Music: ©1989 Hope Pub OL#01300

M: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams Public Domain

Arr. from The English Hymnal © Oxford University Press 1906.

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

*“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”*

Paul Manz

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# Prayer List

## Members

Eric Biedermann  
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## Friends & Family

Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye  
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Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart  
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Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann  
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

**To all who gather:** We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

*From Pastor Rick:* This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

**Guests and Visitors:** All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

**Worship Note:** The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

**Parents and Caregivers:** God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

### **Monday (December 1)**

9:30 am Trinity Readers-Room 2  
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
1:30 pm 301FP Social Media Mtg-Fireside  
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

### **Tuesday (December 2)**

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Breakfast Club  
5:30 pm TLC Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2  
6:15 pm 301 Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2

### **Wednesday (December 3)**

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1  
6 pm Advent Service  
6:30 pm Soup Supper  
7 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday (December 4)**

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2  
11 am 301 Clergy Mtg-Fireside  
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2

### **Friday (December 5)**

10 am Quilting Group

### **Saturday (December 6)**

5 pm Worship

### **Sunday (December 7) Advent 2**

**Alternative Giving Fair 9:30-1**

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2  
9 am Confirmation-Room 8  
9 am Sunday School-Room 3  
9 am Youth Group-Room 6  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship

## In Ministry Today

**Presiding in worship:** Pastor Rich Fennig  
**Worship Assistant:** Gerry Olsen  
**Welcome Table Host:** Emily Moore  
**Fellowship Host:** Marilyn Morrissey  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Prayer Writer:** Jo Anne Gearhart  
**Communion Team:** Erik Elliott, Michele Rose, Liz & Paul Johnson  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

## Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten

## Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Interim Bells Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
Brenda Moore	<b>Financial Manager</b>
Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klaman	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

## Coming Up:

### **Wednesdays, Dec 10 & 17**

Advent Service @ 6 pm  
Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm

### **Sunday, Dec 14**

Children's Christmas Pageant

**Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.**



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