



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, December 13, 2025  
3rd Week of Advent  
**Word Accomplishes God's Purpose**  
\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*"Prelude to Quiet"*

Mark Kellner  
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**GATHER**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\***

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

*"Mourning Prayer"*

- L: Unto you God,  
C: **we bring our crippling pain for the violence inflicted on our siblings in their journey to a better present.**
- L: Unto you God,  
C: **we bring our contained anger for the indifference of Western countries, for the ongoing violations of human rights and the drafting of unjust laws.**
- L: Unto you God,  
C: **we bring our private indignation for the racism that poisons civil coexistence and interpersonal relationships.**
- L: You who, in Jesus, have proclaimed blessed are those who mourn, free us from a conniving silence and a dumb resignation; transform our pain, our anger, and our indignation into a lamentation so loud it cannot go unheard. May our mourning for justice be unrestrained.
- C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*  
vs 1-3

**WOV #630**  
Wayne L. Wold  
Yiddish folk tune  
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1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.
2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
gently lead them homeward.
3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.

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

God of restoration, Save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. Amen.

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

Light 3 Candles

**WORD**

**KID'S SERMON**

**Pastor Rick**

**GOSPEL READING**

**ISAIAH 55:1-13**

L: The good news according to Isaiah 55

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

## SERMON

Pastor Rick

## SONG OF THE DAY

*"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"*

ELW #561

Marty Haugen

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1. Joyous light of heav'nly glory,  
 loving glow of God's own face,  
 you who sing creation's story,  
 shine on ev'ry land and race.  
 Now as evening falls around us,  
 we shall raise our songs to you.  
 God of daybreak, God of shadows,  
 come and light our hearts anew.

2. In the stars that grace the darkness,  
 in the blazing sun of dawn,  
 in the light of peace and wisdom,  
 we can hear your quiet song.  
 Love that fills the night with wonder,  
 love that warms the weary soul,

love that bursts all chains asunder,  
set us free and make us whole.

3. You who made the heaven's splendor,  
ev'ry dancing star of night,  
make us shine with gentle justice,  
let us each reflect your light.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
gentle Christ who lights our way,  
loving Spirit of salvation,  
lead us on to endless day.

**\*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:** Voices singing an anthem of thanksgiving: no more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

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

## **MEAL**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\***

**L:** Loving God, we call to mind the heavenly banquet revealed to us through Jesus, into whose life of communion we have been invited. So, before we dine and fellowship, we give thanks for your invitations and for your gift each day. Bless the hands that cooked and prepared this meal, remembering also the hands doing the work we cannot; the hands of fishers and farmers; of those who till and harvest the land, of laborers who pack, stack, and deliver; as well as the empty hands of the hungry. While we eat and drink, we count our blessings, as we receive them all in your name.

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

### **\*WORDS OF PROMISE\***

**P:** This piece of dry bread, that I stole while my captor was looking the other way is my body.

**C:** **Take. Eat. Do this in remembrance of me.**

**P:** This cup of saltwater in which I was drowned. Is the new covenant in my blood.

**C:** **Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

**P:** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

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

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

**ELW pg. 112**

**Creator God, 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

### \*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\*

As we have been nourished at this table, we pray for those who are hungry, thirsty, impoverished. Help us share what we have received, to be your bread broken for others.  
AMEN.

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING\*

P: May the road be smooth under your feet and the trees shade you on your way. May the desert be smooth under your wheels and may your water be enough. May the sea be smooth under your boat and the winds blow you gently across the borders. May kindness be your companion and your guide.

C: Amen.

### \*SENDING SONG\*

*"Shout for Joy Loud and Long"*

**WOV #793**

David Mowbray, arr. Paul Manz  
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1. Shout for joy loud and long,  
God be praised with a song!  
To the Lord we belong:  
children of our maker,  
God the great life giver.

#### *Refrain*

Shout for joy, joy, joy!  
Shout for joy, joy, joy!  
God is love, God is light,  
God is everlasting!

2. By God's word all was made,  
heav'n and earth, light and shade,  
nature's wonders displayed,  
we to rule creation  
from its first foundation. *Refrain*

3. Yet our pride makes us fall;  
so Christ came for us all--  
not the righteous to call--  
by his cross and passion,  
bringing us salvation. *Refrain*
4. Now has Christ truly ris'n,  
and his Spirit is giv'n  
to all those under heav'n  
who now walk beside him,  
though they once denied him. *Refrain*

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

# Prayer List

## Members

Eric Biedermann  
Tim Anderson  
Jean Purath  
Mary Ann Miller  
Barb Klamann  
Pastor Paul Schairer  
Shirley Garvin  
Cooper Hopkins  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
Madyson Hopkins

## Friends & Family

**Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz**  
**Mourning for Donald Geving, uncle of Ronda Simmons**  
Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye  
Ramona Haeder, sister of Rebecca Roland  
Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb  
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
David Horton, brother of Sara Mullarkey  
Jim Belak, son-in-law of Barbara Baggs  
Barbara Pardo, mother of Cheryl Dolan  
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey  
Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart  
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben  
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann  
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>  
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

**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.



### In Ministry Today

**Worship Assistant:** Vicki Volbrecht  
**Communion Prep:**  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:**  
**Prayer Writer:** Laurie Gudim  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
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 &amp; Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klamann	<b>Shared Nursery Attendant</b>

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

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

#### **Monday (Dec 15)**

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
6:30 pm No Co Male Spirituality-Room 5

#### **Tuesday (Dec 16 )**

7 pm Enneagram-Sunroom

#### **Wednesday (Dec 17 )**

5 pm Bells-Room 1  
6 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service  
6:30 pm Advent Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

#### **Thursday (Dec 18 )**

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2  
3-5pm Spanish Class-Room 2  
7 pm Immigration Social Justice-Zoom

#### **Friday (Dec 19 )**

10am Quilting Group-Room 2

#### **Saturday (Dec 20 )**

12 pm Sweet Treats-Kitchen  
5 pm TLC Worship

#### **Sunday (Dec 21 ) Advent 4**

8:45-11:30 am Fellowship  
9 am TLC Adult Forum-Room 2  
10:30 am TLC Worship

### Coming Up:

#### Christmas Eve, December 24

**3 & 5 pm Trinity Candlelight Services**  
**8 pm St Paul's Christmas Eve Service**

#### Christmas Day, December 25

**10 am Mary of Magdala Christmas Mass**

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at [www.trinitylutheranfc.org](http://www.trinitylutheranfc.org)

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

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

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