



Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 21, 2025
4th Week of Advent
Word Made Flesh

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"The Father's Rose"

Mark Hayes
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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

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

ELW #295

vs. 1, 3 & 5

Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

M: Plainsong mode

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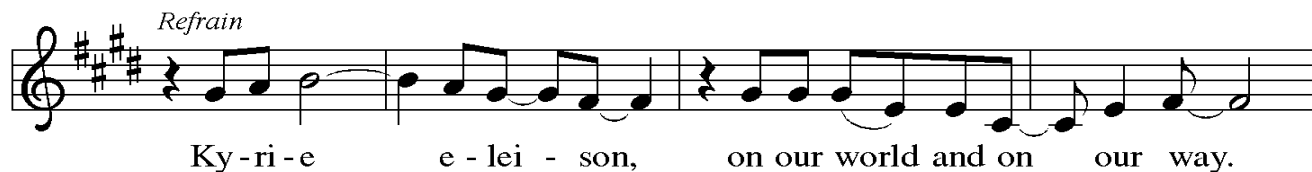
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1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

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.**



- 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,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all time, Your Word became flesh and walked among us. Receive our gratitude and awe for all that you have done through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ELW #240

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

vs. 4

Wayne L. Wold, Yiddish folk tune

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4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Light 4 Candles

KID'S SERMON & OFFERING

Pastor Rick

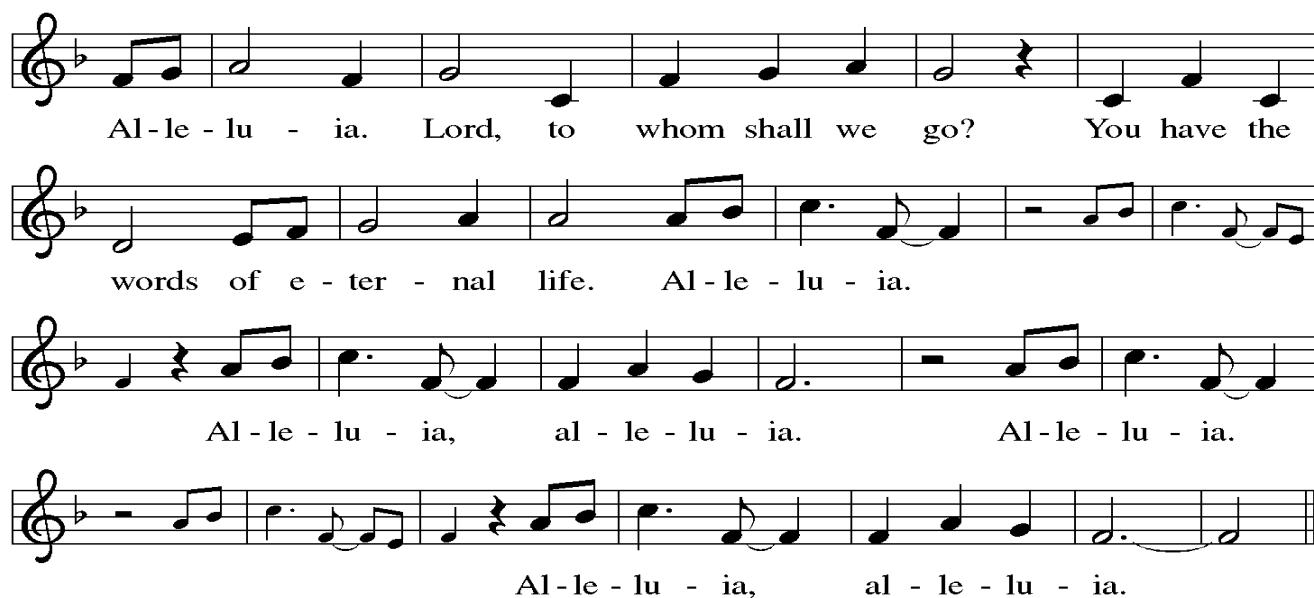
MUSICAL OFFERING

"Lo, How a Rose"
Trinity Chancel Choir

Praetorius
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188



GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:1-18

L: The good news according to John 1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

SERMON

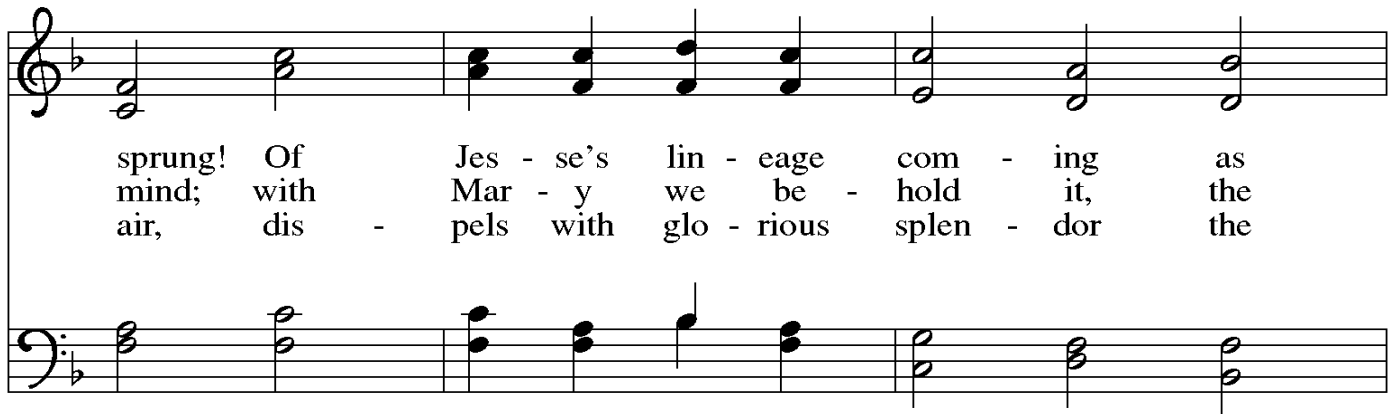
Pastor Rick

HYMN OF DAY

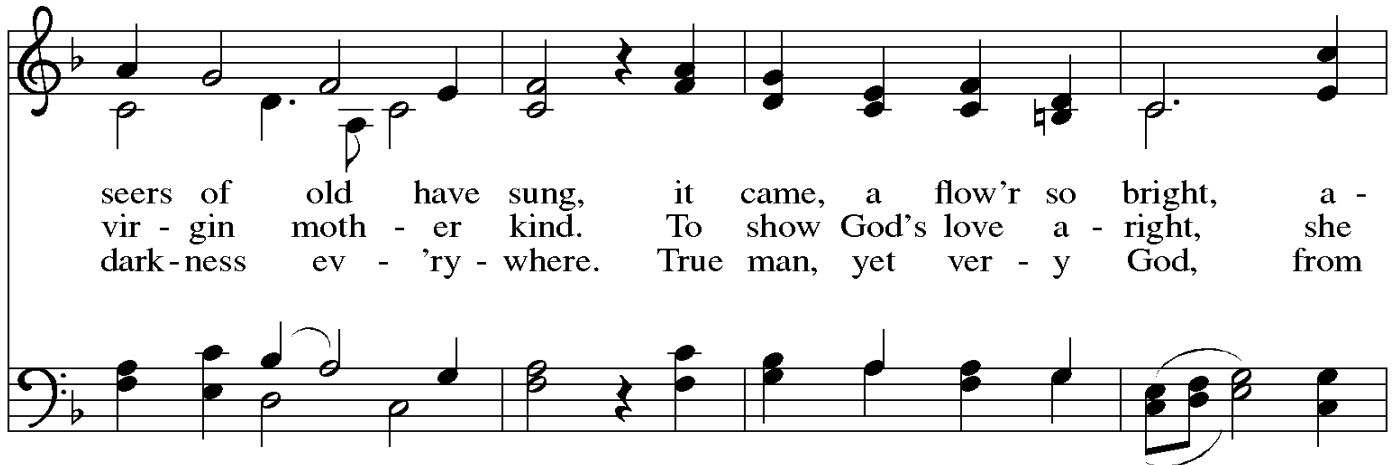
"Lo, How a Rose"
vs. 1-3

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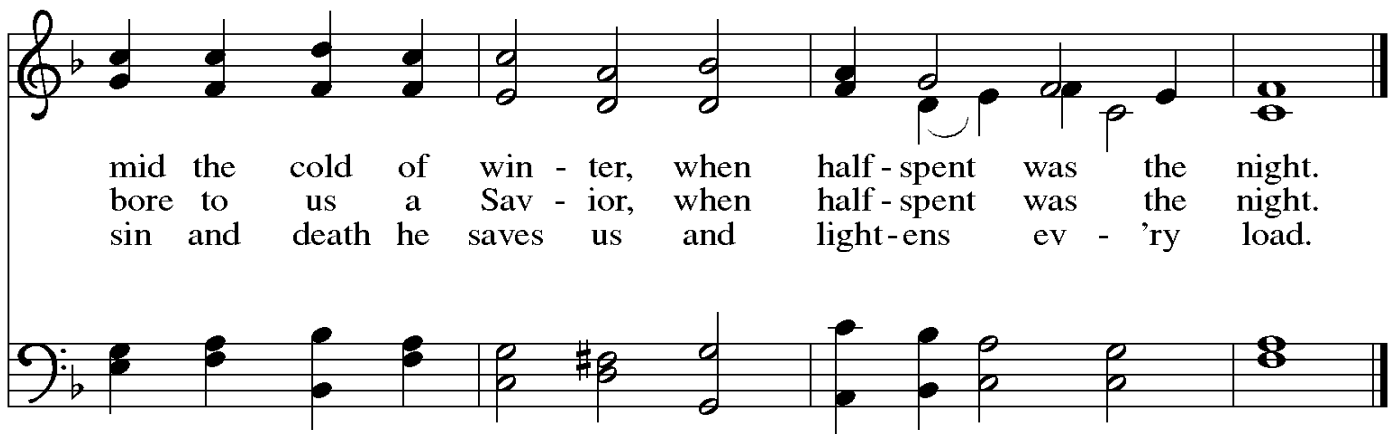
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.

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

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.

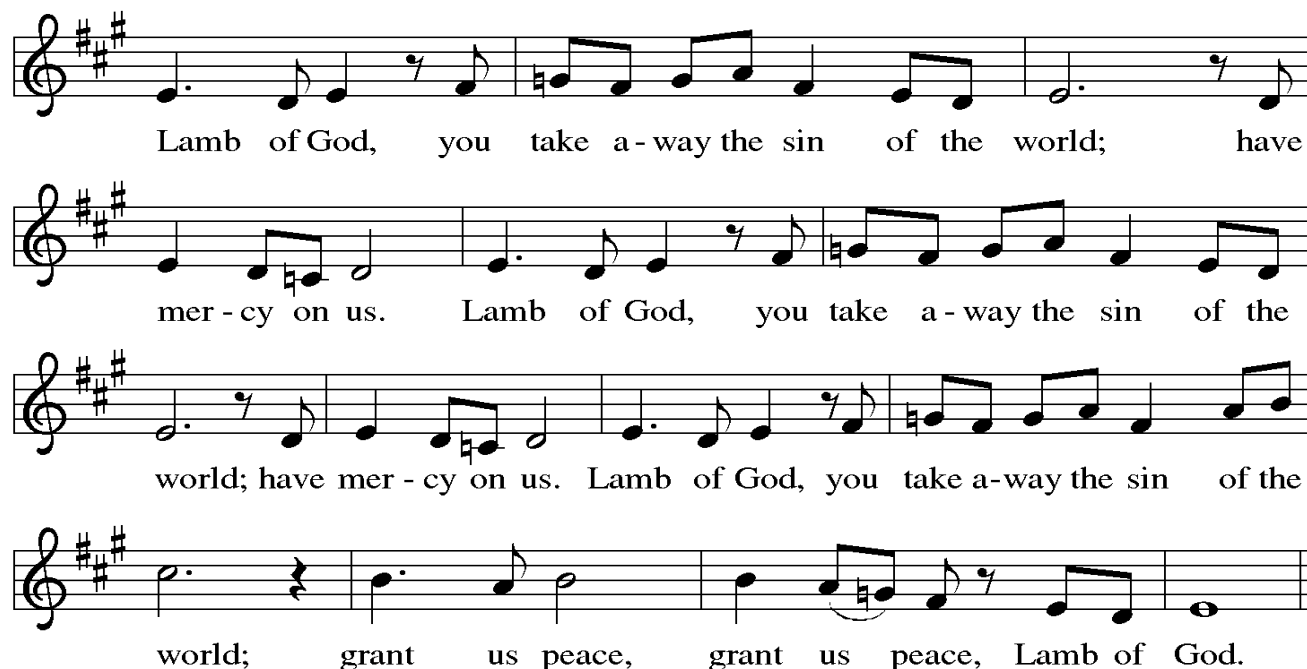
P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

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

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



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

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

Joseph Martin
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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

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

ELW #265

Basque carol

M: arr. C. Edgar Pettman & John Wickham

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1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

Laura Ann Page

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Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Prayer List

Members

Tim Anderson
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Mary Ann Miller
Barb Klamann
Pastor Paul Schairer
Shirley Garvin
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 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 gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also 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 22)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside

6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Wednesday (December 24) Christmas Eve

Offices Closed

3 pm Trinity's Candlelight Service

5 pm Trinity's Candlelight Service

8 pm St Paul's Christmas Eve Service

Thursday (December 25) Christmas Day

Offices Closed

10 am Mary of Magdala Christmas Mass



Saturday (December 27)

5 pm Worship

Sunday (December 28)

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Anastasia Reiten

Welcome Table Host: Cheryl & Ron Smith

Fellowship Host: Steph Dugger

Bread Baker: Dan Merz

Prayer Writer: Ronda Simmons

Communion Team: Rick & Shelley Aust

Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
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Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Offices Closed

December 24-January 4

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



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