

Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, November 28, 2026
1st Week of Advent
Fairness as a Way of Life
Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"A Triptych for Christmas"* setting by Joel Raney
Hope; O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; O Promised One of Israel; Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
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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 *"Benedictus"* Nicholas Chambers
(*Guide Our Feet into Peace*)
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(Sing Twice)

God in all Your tender compassion,
the Dawn from on high, it will break on us,
shining on those living in shadows,
guiding our feet into the way of peace.
You will guide our feet,
You will guide our feet,
You will guide our feet into peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
The Hope of God-With-Us does not come as guaranteed outcome, or predetermined plan, or promise of a happy ending. Hope cannot be imposed from on high. Hope cannot be commanded. The Hope of God-With-Us is courageous, risky, unfolding, indeterminate. The Hope of God-With-Us is collective, liberating us from deadly complacency. Hope is gestating in darkness; it comes unexpectedly. Hope invites our expectation, and demands our participation. Prepare the way, for hope with courage. May hope be birthed among, within, and through us, this Advent. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel…

Light 1 Candle

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING **Pastor Kaari**

GOSPEL READING **Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4, 3:17-19**

L: The good news according to Habakkuk

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not
listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and
look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law
becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment
comes forth perverted. 5 Look at the nations and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is
being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. 6 For I am rousing the Chaldeans,
that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not
their own. 7 Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

1 I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will
say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2 Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the
appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come;
it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their
faithfulness.

17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive
fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the
stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. 19 God, the Lord, is my
strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Praise be to God.

SERMON **Pastor Kaari**

SONG OF THE DAY *"Bring Forth the Kingdom"* Marty Haugen

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You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!
Rerain
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!
You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*refrain*)

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! (*refrain*)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! (*refrain*)

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil to strengthen us on our journey:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*refrain*)

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil for healing to soothe our suff'ring:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*refrain*)

We are a blest and anointed people:
Signed for the Kingdom of God!
Oil of holiness, pure and fragrant:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*refrain*)

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, in your mercy.

C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

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

L: 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

P: 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

L: 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

L: May the road be smooth under your feet and the trees share 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 *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"* **WOV 630**
vs. 1 Wayne L. Wold/Yiddish folk tune
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Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Members

Judy Titus
Mourning for Keith Titus, husband of Judy Titus
Mourning for Tim Anderson
Marilyn Bycroft
Howard Smith
MaryAnne Carr
Ezra Orchard
Joann Bondhus
Gloria Weiderspon
Carol Arnold
Mary Ann Armstrong
Polly Sersen
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Ruth & Frank Lutes, sister of Patty Telleen
Chris Albrecht, family of Barbara Lambert
Mourning for Don Cobb, father of Steve Cobb
Hollie Diederick, daughter of Barb Klaman
Carolyn Horton, wife of Harold Holter
Keith Tellinghuisen, cousin of Nyla Anderson
Alex Smith & family, friends of Clint & Sara Carney
Courtney Mabry & Ben Stevens, family of
Kevin & Kathy Mabry
Wendy Tomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe
Bob Cushatt, friend of Patty Telleen
Robert Musselman, father of Sarah Sanchez
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 (Nov 30)
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm NoCo Male Spirituality-Room 5

Tuesday (Dec 1)
7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Breakfast Club
6:15 pm 301FP Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2

Wednesday (Dec 2)
5:45 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6 pm Advent Service
6:30 pm Advent Supper
6:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (Dec 3)
9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2
11 am 301 Clergy Mtg-Fireside
11 am Christmas Decorating

Friday (Dec 4)
10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (Dec 5)
12 pm Sweet Treats-Kitchen
2-6 pm Set up Alternative Gift Fair
5 pm Worship

Sunday (Dec 6) ***Advent 2***
Alternative Gift Fair! 830-1230
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

Worship Assistant: Vicki Volbrecht
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host: Sara & Peter Mullarkey
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Prayer Writer: Pat Wiedower
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Pastors:

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 Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.
Chad Carpenter	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Wednesday, December 9
Advent Service @ 6pm
Supper @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 13
Shared Worship-Children's Pageant
& Choir Cantata

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!"

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

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