

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



If this is your first attendance at Trinity, we kindly ask that you speak with one of the Pastors before receiving the Lord's Supper.

We believe the Lord's Supper to be a participation in the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. We teach that under bread and wine Jesus delivers life and salvation to His church. We confess Jesus desires you to partake in this meal, and He instituted the Holy Ministry to serve His gifts with care.

The Holy Apostles warn us in the Scriptures not to receive the Supper to our harm, thereby the Pastors would hope to know who you are and where you are from before they serve you what Christ has given. We are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. If you are a member in good standing of one of our churches you can expect to be welcomed to our rail.

If you need help or prayer, would like to learn more about our congregation, or about attending Holy Communion in the future we will be honored to speak with you about these things.

See Matthew 26:26-28, John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 11:16, 26-28, Acts 2:42

PRELUDE

Chloe Brand

O Come, All Ye Faithful

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INTROIT

Psalm 19: 1, 4c, 5-6; Antiphon: Is. 45: 8 a&b



P: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down Righteousness; that Salvation and Righteousness ^may bear Fruit;*

let the earth cause them ^both to sprout.

P: The heavens declare the Glo^ry of God;*
and the sky above proclaims His ^handiwork.

C: In them He has set a tent ^for the sun,*
**which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and,
like a strong man, runs its course ^with joy.**

P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the ^end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden ^from its heat.

C: **Glory be to the Father and ^to the † Son* and to the Holy ^Spirit;
as it was in the be^ginng,* is now, and will be forever. ^Amen.**

P: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down Righteousness; that Salvation and Righteousness may ^bear Fruit;*
let the earth cause them ^both to sprout.

KYRIE

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P: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up, we implore You, Your power, O LORD, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sin and be saved by Your mighty deliverance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C:** **Amen.**

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, **See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.**

And Nathan said to the king, *Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.*

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, **Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build Me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for My dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?"**

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of Hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over My people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you.

And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for My people Israel and

will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. And your house and your Kingdom shall be made sure forever before Me. Your Throne shall be established forever.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Zechariah 9:9; Ps. 118: 26

C: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of ^Zion!*

Shout, daughter of Je^rusalem!

See, your King ^comes to you,*

Righteous and having sal^vation.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name ^of the LORD.*

From the house of the LORD we ^bless you.

EPISTLE

Romans 16: 25-27

Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you according to my Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the Mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith--to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alle^luia!* Alle^luia!

The virgin will be with Child and will give birth ^to a Son;

And they will call Him, Im^manuel.

Alle^luia!* Alle^luia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1: 26-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, **Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!** But she was greatly troubled at the saying and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to her, **Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.**

And Mary said to the angel, **How will this be, since I am a virgin?**

And the angel answered her, **The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the Power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God.**

And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.

And Mary said, **Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your Word.**

And the angel departed from her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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SERMON
OFFERTORY
OFFERING
PRAYER

Isaiah Brand

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O Come, Little Children

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE
SANCTUS

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It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at 'Blessed is He Who come in the name of the Lord.'

The Prayer of Thanksgiving will be omitted after the Sanctus.

LORD'S PRAYER

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*During the Lord's Prayer it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at
'Deliver us from evil.'*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

During the DISTRIBUTION the following hymns will be sung from the hymnal page shown:

YOUR TABLE I APPROACH	628
JOY TO THE WORLD	387
LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE	621
PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY	343

After the Distribution, the pastor shall dismiss the communicants with the following blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace. **G: Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS
THANKSGIVING
SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS
BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Isaiah Brand

Bride of Christ, Rejoice



TODAY 12/20 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Sunday school/Bible class

11:30 AM – Adult Choir

TUESDAY 12/15

Tuesday Men @ Trinity 8 AM

Trinity Ladies @ Trinity 9AM

THURSDAY 12/24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4:30 PM

FRIDAY 12/25

CHRISTMAS DAY Divine Service 10 AM

NEXT SUNDAY 12/27 The First Sunday after Christmas

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

No Sunday School or Bible Class

No Sunday School or Bible Class next Sunday.

Great thanks to Jarryd Allison for taking the organ bench today. **Thanks also to Chloe and Isaiah Brand** for their musical contributions today.

Following Christmas Eve service there will be a **wine and cheese reception**. Bring an appetizer to share and join us for a drink and fellowship after service.

As a token of appreciation, the council is again sponsoring a **“STAFF LOVE GIFT”** this Christmas. Donations will be received until next Sunday for a monetary gift to be divided equally between **Pastor Bauer, Pastor Sherrill,** and **Kantor Lock** unless you specify otherwise. Please make any **checks** payable **to Trinity Lutheran Church** and use a designated envelope marked **“Staff Love Gift.**

Community Ministry needs for December: Jelly, Peanut Butter, Beans (canned), Tomato Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, SpaghettiOs/Ravioli, Soup, Socks & Underwear for boys and girls

Leftover Plastic Bags: Please put plastic bags (grocery, stores, and the like) in the bin by the entrance. They will be used to make mats for the homeless. Thank you! **Kathy Vincent**

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ALTAR BELLS

A set of **altar** or **sanctus** (holy) **bells** have been donated to Trinity by one of our lay members. They are a worthy addition to the conduct of our Divine Services. You may, however, not be familiar with what they are and how they are employed in the Divine Service.

In western Christianity, including Lutheranism, where they are making a return to the practices of the church, altar or sanctus bells are a small hand-held bell or set of bells. The reason for the use of such bells is to create a joyful noise to the Lord as a way to give thanks for the miracle taking place atop the altar during the Words of Institution, and thus, to focus the attention of those attending the Divine Service on what is taking place on the altar.

The bells are kept on the credence table where the elements used for the celebration of the Sacrament are kept until needed for preparation for the Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood to the communicants. The bells are rung two times during the Words of Institution. First, at the words of Christ, ***This is My body.*** Then, again, at Christ's Words, ***This cup is the new testament in My blood.*** The ringing of the bells brings attention to the real presence of Christ.

We will use these bells for the first time on **Christmas Day**, and at each Divine Service thereafter when the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who bought a poinsettia:

Allison Family, Pastor & Linda Bauer, Brand Family, Crawford Family, Martin & Marie Dicke, Fehr Family, Deborah & Gary Gokey, Green Family, Rob & Kathy Grossman, Ron & Jan Holle, Richard & Susan Huebner Holly & Larry Kort, Helen Kort, Mike & Mary Koskosky, Kuhl Family, Jim & Kim Malloreay, McDaniel Family, Mixell Family, Les Osten, Marcia & Ron Pfister, Sherrill Family, Thomas Family, Bob & Dixie Yergert.