Second Sunday in Advent



December 9, 2018 8:00am Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association and the Good Shepherd Community.



Those Serving Today

| Officiating Today | | Rev. David Hinz |
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| Organist | 8:00am | Daniel Reineke |
| Musicians | 10:30am | Ruth Immerfall |
| Screen Team | 8:00am | Andy Freihammer |
| | 10:30am | Eric Hansen |
| Lector | 8:00am | Cindy Clitty |
| | 10:30am | |
| Acolyte | 8:00am | Emma Prow-Dockendorf, Ethan Kutzorik |
| | 10:30am | Grace Roesch, Carson Reichel |
| Visuals | | Daniel Reineke |
| Altar Guild | | Jolyn Antonsen, Evora Sorokie |
| Information Desk | Zone – 2 | Russell & Renee Hackett |
| | Zone – 3 | Sue Kulzer |
| Greeters | 7 0 | Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman |
| Greeters | Zone - 2 | Diane Gootii, Doinia Essennan |
| Greeters | Zone – 2 Zone – 3 | Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp |
| Greeters Ushers | | , |
| | Zone – 3 | Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & C |
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If you have difficulty standing during the worship service, please feel free to remain seated during those parts of the service.

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Divine Service Setting 3 (LSB pg 184)

December 9, 2018

8:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- **C** Amen.
- In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** Let us also draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- ▶ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His

Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

PSALM 66:1-12

- P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- **C** sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
- P Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
- **C** So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
- \mathbf{P} All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
- **C** they sing praises to your name."
- **P** Come and see what God has done:
- **C** he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
- P He turned the sea into | dry land;
- **C** they passed through the river on foot.

P There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

- **C** let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
- **P** Bless our God, O peoples;
- **C** let the sound of his praise be heard,
- \mathbf{P} who has kept our soul among the living
- **C** and has not let our feet slip.
- **P** For you, O God, have tested us;
- **C** you have tried us as silver is tried.
- **P** You brought us into the net;
- **C** you laid a crushing burden on our backs;
- **P** you let men ride over our heads;
- **C** we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



■ Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Malachi 3:1-7

3 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

⁶ "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "God Has Spoken By His Prophets" LSB 583

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for

you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.



Stand



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become

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straight, and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES CREED (Back Page of the LSB Hymnal)

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When All the World Was Cursed" LSB 346

THE MESSAGE



OFFERING (*Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB 343

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Calendar for the Week

Second Sunday in Advent

8:00am Worship Z2 9:15am Bible Classes, NM Class & SS 10:30am Worship Z3 (HC) 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 1:15pm Youth Hay ride and caroling 4:00pm Creative Crafts

> MONDAY 6:00pm Bev's CC Pastoral Visits

TUESDAY 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY 7:00am Men's Bible Study at GS 5:00pm Advent Dinner 6:00pm Advent Worship Z4 Conf. Classes conclude at 7:30pm 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm Celebration Ringers

THURSDAY

12 Noon LWML lunch at Jimmy's Pour House 5:30pm Lay Ministry Mtg.
6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg.
6:30pm POP Preschool Program Worship Team Rehearsal

> FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers 4:00pm Private Event 6:00pm Narc. Anon.

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild

Our Response in Faith

Look for giving and attendance information for services from Nov. 21st – Dec. 9th in the bulletin on December 16th.



Readings for next Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 7:18-35 Let's be in the Word!

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00am Worship Z5 (HC) 9:15am Bible Classes, NM Class & SS 10:30am Worship Z1 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 1:15pm Youth Hay ride and caroling 4:00pm Creative Crafts



Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Deb Wimmer and family in memory of Jeff Wimmer. We thank them for generously making this broadcast possible. We have openings in January. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please complete a form and turn it in. The cost of a full broadcast is now \$90. Forms are available in the church office. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at

8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

Sunday Morning Fellowship December our hosts are Sandy Molitor and Karen Petron-Broda. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "W, X, Y & Z" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Please remember in your prayers this week: Betty Winczewski, Judy Heintze, Riley



Stockinger, Jessica Raveling, Bonnie Duea, Les Fread & Pam Hadley undergoing medical care and following surgery. Steve Robarge (brother of Bob Robarge), Jim Bump, Janine Lutgen (sister of Mona Hanson) and Sandy Duffy as they continue their cancer treatment and care.

LCEF is celebrating 40 years with a limited-time offer of a 4% term note for 40 months on new money. See the kiosk for more details or contact Lori Wendt.

No God's Grub, join us for Advent Dinners.

The Property Committee is looking for someone to fill in for our custodian, Dan Welsh, for one week in February. Please call the Church office if you would like to fill in for Dan.



Hey Youth! Hay Ride! TODAY, 1:15pm at the Public Works parking lot in Sauk Rapids, 1360 Summit Ave.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We had another great turn out in November. We are enjoying the book *Getting to Know Jesus*. We will NOT be meeting in December due to busy schedules. Our next meeting will be Wednesday January 9th at 6:15pm. If you have any questions about this group contact Jenny Sprengeler, 320-309-5952 or jsprengeler@gmail.com

Attention ALL Thrivent members! Did you know each of you are allowed two \$250 action team gift cards EACH YEAR? Strongly consider using yours for Trinity events (God's Grub, an outing, Sunday School, VBS, potluck, service project, etc.). It starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring it together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about. We'll help get you started. In His service, Trinity Leadership Team

The nominating process for Trinity's elected officials will remain open until the Voter's Meeting on 12/16/18. As of now, the nominees for the open positions are as follows: Treasurer – Mark Helgeson; Secretary – Katie Dusing; Vice President – John Alstrup and President – Terry Kurash, Jon Lentz and Jon Copeland. If you wish to nominate other individuals for a position please contact them to verify that they are willing to accept the nomination, then contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee so that the name can be added to the slate. On the Bulletin Board in the Narthex you will find more information about the Nominating Committee and a job description for each of the positions.



DEADLINE TODAY! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to deliver gifts please contact **Jennifer Kranz** @ 320-290-3498. Gifts will be mailed to children in North Dakota, therefore monetary donations are an option. Thank you for your help!

P.O.P. SCRIP: We will have SCRIP available on Sunday December 16th. We have a variety of \$5 and \$10 cards that work great for Christmas gifts. Stock up just in time for Christmas. We will also be available on December 9th in between services to take any pre-orders. These orders will be available for pick up on December 16th. Pre-orders ensure you receive exactly what you want before Christmas.



Advent Worship Services: Wednesdays in December, the 5th, 12th, and 19th.

The Children's Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 23rd at 6:00pm

Christmas Worship Opportunities: Monday, December 24th: 3:00pm and 5:00pm Both with Holy Communion



Tuesday, December 25th 9:00am with Holy Communion



Children's Christmas Program: Sunday, December 23rd, 6:00pm

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service, you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am – 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service. **Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES: Large

Print Editions of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request. If you need further information, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us! Bible Study for Adults on Sundays: we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall. Coffee & Fellowship – after the 8:00am service, come by the kitchen, have a cookie, coffee and time for fellowship. Come and meet old friends and make new friends!