Special Prayers for Today

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; prayers for all of those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays; prayers of celebration for the birth of Audriana Maria Salas, daughter of Jose and Ericka Salas; prayers for the health concerns of Colleen Armitage, Pat Baker, Jo Barrington, Eugene Beccue (brother of Evie Meyer), Marilyn Britton, Terri Bridgeman (mother of Adam Bridgeman), Richard Bridgeman (father of Adam Bridgeman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Bill Furling, Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Jim Klug (father of Zack and Jake Klug), Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Kevin Moore (brother of Pam Sausaman), Evie Meyer, Barry Nass, Paul Ogan (father of Brian Ogan), Sheavie Reagan, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), Aaron Shipman, Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; prayers for those suffering in California from the wildfires; Amen.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Peggy Helton to the glory of God.

At Worship Last Week

Saturday: 103 Sunday: 129, 198 Thanksgiving Service: 109	539
Adult Studies: 134 Sunday School: 40	174
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:	
November 2018 Automatic Contributions	\$7,820.00

Sunday Bible Study 9:30am-10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the School Campus Parish Center, 515 S. MacArthur. Directions are as follows: From the Church to get to Trinity Lutheran School and thus our Parish Hall, head south on 2nd Street, then go west on Edwards Street, and turn right (north) on MacArthur Blvd. The school/parish center will be on your left. From the parking lot you'll see doors to the school. Enter there and the Parish Center is on your right. *Childcare is available for Adult Bible Study.

Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: Today's Sunday School lesson is "The Birth of John Foretold." The children learned that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. In your family discussions ask, "When have you doubted God's Word? How does God forgive and relieve our doubts?"

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes:

- Lutheranism 101: The Lord's Supper, taught by Pastor Holmes in the Science Room.
- Women's Bible Study: Living the Fruit of the Spirit, taught by Amy Holmes in the Extended Care room.
- Burning Questions, taught today by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo in the Parish Center.

"Look Out!"

Rev. Jonathan Holmes

Luke 21:25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹ And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Watch Yourselves

³⁴ "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



Worship Services:

Sermon
"Look Out!"
Rev. Jonathan Holmes

Saturday Service
5:30pm-Parish Center
Liturgy 203

Hymns: 332, 341 (st. 1-3), 516

Sunday Services
8:00am-Church
Liturgy 203
Holy Communion

Hymns: 332, 341 (st. 1-3), 357, 516

10:30am-Church Liturgy 203

Hymns: 332, 341 (st. 1-3), 516
Trinity Choir and Adult Choir
Climb To The Top
Of The Highest Mountain

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading: Jer. 33:14-16 (p. 662) Psalm: Ps. 25:1-10 (p. 459) Epistle: 1 Thess. 3:9-13 (p. 987) Gospel Luke 21:25-36 (p. 881)

Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants

Saturday
Non-Communion Service
Sunday
Al Casolari, Brian Ogan, Steve Rossman

Ushers

<u>Saturday</u> Non-Communion Service

Sunday 8am Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday, Bill Miller, and Barry Nass

Sunday 10:30am
Paul Hartman, Bryan Knoles,
Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger,
Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Musicians

<u>Saturday</u> Cathy Von De Bur <u>Sunday</u> Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

<u>Saturday</u> Non-Communion Service <u>Sunday</u> Ashleigh Friday, Kathy Friday



A Warm Welcome to our Visitors and Members!

- We would like to know who our visitors are, so either before or after the service, please sign the Visitor Register in the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary.
- Personal Assistive Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties, too. God bless you!



Our Practice in Participating in the Lord's Supper

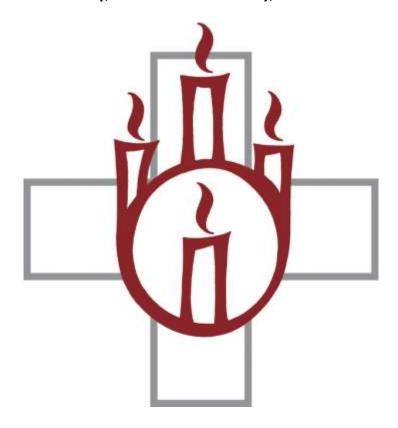
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through this blessing, we are also strengthened to live in faithfulness to Christ, lead more Godly lives and have a deeper love for one another. Those communing are publicly professing that they believe these things to be true and are also giving witness that they are in agreement with the teaching of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. Paul tells us that those who take Communion without proper instruction take it to their great harm (I Corinthians 11:29). We don't want that for anyone; therefore, we ask that anyone holding a different Christian confession or belief about the Lord's Supper refrain from Communion. If you are not Communing with us today, we encourage you to come forward with those in your aisle to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your presence by crossing your hands on the rail (or in front of your body for Saturday night worshipers). If you have questions about our Communion policy or our beliefs please feel free to speak to one of the pastors after the service or indicate on an attendance card that you would like to be contacted. May God bless us all as we worship Him in His house today!

*Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion wafer. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. The Truth is...love flows from God to us from others and shows itself not only in what we say but also especially in what we do.

First Sunday in Advent Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2





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