

Special Prayers for Today

Lord, please bless us to hear, believe in and follow You so that we are ready for our eternal celebration; prayers for all of those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays; prayers for the health concerns of Colleen Armitage, Pat Baker, Jo Barrington, Eugene Beccue (brother of Evie Meyer), Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgeman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Ed Hunter (father of Stephanie Poorman), 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, Aaron Shipman, Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Joyce Thome, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), and Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles); prayers for the family of Jean Coleman, sister of Judy Fliege, who passed away last week; prayers for the family of Bill Furling, who passed away last week; 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 Stace and Terri Cameron in honor of the wedding anniversary of Stace’s parents.

At Worship Last Week

Saturday: 100 Sunday: 135, 173 Advent: 112 520
 Adult Studies: 129 Sunday School: 42..... 171
 Offerings for the Lord’s Kingdom Work:\$16,628.00
 November 2018 Automatic Contributions.....\$7,820.00

| Sunday Bible Study | 9:30am-10:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
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| <p>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. <i>*Childcare is available for Adult Bible Study.</i></p> | | |
| <p>Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: In Sunday School today, the children will hear the message “The Birth of Jesus Foretold.” God favored Mary, choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. God favors us because of Jesus Christ, choosing us to be His children! Ask your children, “How did God show Mary, and us, His unmerited grace and favor?”</p> | | |
| <p>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center. | | |

“Taking Away The Burden Of Christmas”

Rev. Hemenway

Luke 3:1-14

Advent is a season that let’s us know that life has a _____.

- Many people say there is no purpose or _____ to life.
- In Advent we see how God is always working to put His plan of _____ into place.
- Our God is in control of _____ and His plan is to save His people!

Advent is designed to _____ us that God has a plan for us and His plan is to take the burdens of living in a sinful world off of us!

John the Baptist defined the situation the people were in so that is could be properly dealt with; by _____.

- Your societal _____ won’t cleanse your sins.
- The size of your _____ account won’t save you.
- Your bloodline doesn’t make you a _____ of God.
- In fact, the only blood that changes us from the children of _____ into the children of God is the blood of Jesus Christ.
- His blood makes us _____ of God’s Kingdom!

Advent can seem like it has a tone of _____ to it.

- But it’s not meant to cause _____ as much as it is meant to wake us up!
- God doesn’t threaten us with _____ for something to do. He does it for our benefit. He is simply being honest with us.
- The call to _____ isn’t a punishment. It’s God calling us to receive His love, forgiveness, grace, _____ and mercy!
- He wants us to have true peace, true _____ and true life for all eternity!

Christmas doesn’t happen so that we can be stressed out, it happens to remind us that we don’t _____ to be!!! God loves you and sent His Son to pay the price for your sins. All other burdens take on a different meaning now!

Hold onto tomorrow loosely and hold onto _____ tightly!

God bless us to celebrate His gifts of repentance and _____, not just during this season, but every day of our lives!



Worship Services:

Sermon

“Taking Away The Burden Of Christmas”

Rev. Hemenway

Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center

Liturgy 203

Holy Communion

Hymns: 344, 347 (st. 1-2), 338, 333

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church

Liturgy 203

Hymns: 344, 347 (st. 1-2), 333

Trinity and Adult Choirs

Climb To The Top Of The Highest Mountain

10:30am-Church

Liturgy 203

Holy Communion

Hymns: 344, 347 (st. 1-2), 338, 333

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading: Mal. 3:1-7b (p. 802)
 Psalm: Ps 66:1-12 (p. 480)
 Epistle: Phil. 1:2-11 (p. 1000)
 Gospel: Luke 3:1-14 (p. 858)
 (15-20)

Those Serving This Week

Communion Assistants

Saturday

Ted Haberman

Sunday

Brian Boehme, Travis Hindman,
Steve Rossman

Ushers

Saturday

Dick Bowers, Barry Lowy,
Phil McFadden,

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

Saturday

Wendy Boehme

Sunday

Laura Fliege

Altar Committee

Saturday

Carolyn Haberman, Dore Skeels

Sunday

Chris Anderson, Karen Janssen



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

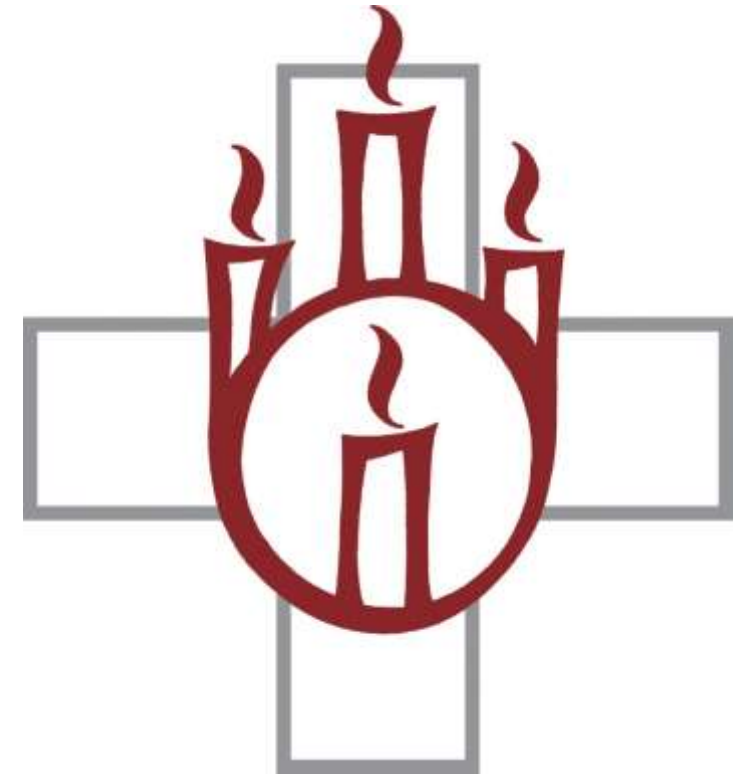
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through 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.

Second Sunday in Advent Saturday December 8 and Sunday, December 9



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