

**Special Prayers for Today**

Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, thank You for coming to earth to be God with us; 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), Dee Boehm, Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgeman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (family friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Hannah Garvue (daughter of Kimberly Garvue), 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, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), 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 Harold Sturm, Jr., who passed away last week; prayers for those affected by dangerous weather all over the world; prayers for those suffering in Taylorville from the tornado damage; Amen.

**Sunday Altar Flowers**

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Charlie and Joleen Hoff in celebration of their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and with thanksgiving for God’s many blessings!

**At Worship Last Week**

Saturday: 114 Sunday: 189, 127 Advent: 311 ..... 741  
 Adult Studies: 138 Sunday School: 42 ..... 180  
 Offerings for the Lord’s Kingdom Work: ..... \$17,100.35  
 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in Sunday School, the children learn the account “Mary Visits Elizabeth.” In the presence of the Son of God growing within Mary’s womb, John the Baptist leapt inside Elizabeth’s womb. God fills us with Himself in Word and Sacrament and we, like Mary, offer our praise and worship. Consider asking, “How or when does God fill us with His presence today?”

**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 by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Center.

**“Songs Of The Season-O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**Reverend William Hemenway**

**Isaiah 7:1-14, Matthew 1:22-23**

Isaiah 7:10-14

*10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: 11 “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” 12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” 13 And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Matthew 1:22-23

*22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”*

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God \_\_\_\_\_ us.

God with \_\_\_\_\_



**Worship Services:**

**Sermon**

**“Songs Of The Season- O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**Rev. William Hemenway**

**Saturday Service**

**5:30pm-Parish Center**

**Liturgy 203**

**Hymns: 348, 331, 349**

Junior Choir

Children’s Recital

**Sunday Services**

**8:00am-Church**

**Holy Communion**

**Liturgy 203**

**Hymns: 348, 331, 354,349**

**10:30am-Church**

**Liturgy 203**

**Hymns: 348, 331, 349**

Primary Choir

**Scriptures for Today**

1st Reading: Zeph. 3:14-20 (p. 790)  
 Psalm: Ps 85 (p. 493)  
 Epistle: Phil. 4:4-7 (p. 982)  
 Gospel: Luke 7:18-28 (p. 863)  
 (29-35)

## Those Serving This Week

### Communion Assistants

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Brian Ogan, Dave Rohe, Steve Rossman

### Ushers

Saturday

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

Saturday

Carol Radtke

Sunday

Wendy Boehme

### Altar Committee

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

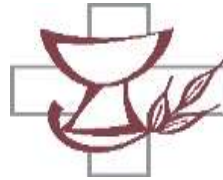
Sunday

Karen Anderson, Sara Schlichting



## 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

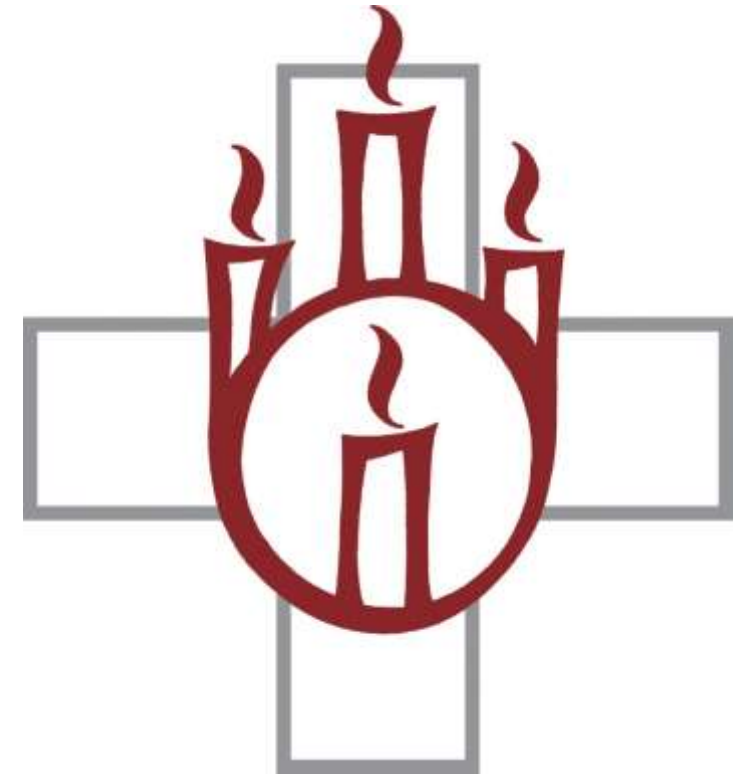
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through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

## Third Sunday in Advent Saturday December 15 and Sunday, December 16



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