

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**
✠INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN.....PAGE 355

"O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE" VERSES 1-5

OPENING VERSICLES.....PAGE 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT HYMN.....PAGE 794

"THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED" (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 2:1-5

L The Old Testament reading for the 1st Sunday in Advent is from the second chapter of Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and

shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 13:11-14

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the thirteenth chapter of Romans.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 2:1-11

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠RESPONSORY PAGE 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
 C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS..... PAGE 264

- C You shall have no other gods.
 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
 Honor your father and your mother.
 You shall not murder.
 You shall not commit adultery.
 You shall not steal.
 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

✠THE APOSTLE'S CREED..... PAGE 264

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER..... PAGE 264

HYMN OF THE DAY..... PAGE 332

“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME” (VERSES 1-4, & 8) STAND ON LAST VERSE

THE SERMON

OFFERING

✠PRAYER..... PAGE 265

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
 C Lord, have mercy.
 L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
 C Lord, have mercy.
 L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, Trinity as we pray for God's guidance of Pastor Cooksey as he contemplates accepting the call we have extended to him, let us pray to the Lord:
 C Lord, have mercy.
 L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
 C Lord, have mercy.
 L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
 C Lord, have mercy.

- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

✠**COLLECT OF THE DAY**..... PAGE 265

- L 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; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

✠**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**..... PAGE 265

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

✠**MORNING PRAYER**..... PAGE 266

- C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

✠**THE NEW TESTAMENT HYMN**..... PAGE 484

"MAKE SONGS OF JOY" (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

✠**BLESSING**..... PAGE 267

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

“THE NIGHT WILL SOON BE ENDING”**Acknowledgments**

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 72:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

November 30 – Advent 1- Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:00 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	6:00 P.M.	Soup & Sandwich Supper
THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.	Advent Service
	9:30 A.M.	Quilters
	6:00 P.M.	Love INC
SATURDAY	9:30 A.M.	LWML-Tree decorating & Brown bag lunch
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Adult Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
	3:00 P.M.	Trinity Family Christmas party

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by
Dick & Jan Dommers in remembrance of their mothers’ birthdays.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: There will be a soup & sandwich supper before each Advent service beginning on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor John Flamme will be our guest pastor for the Advent services this year. There is

a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for providing soup or sandwiches. Just sign up your name and what you plan to bring for whichever advent service you wish to provide soup.

LWML: Saturday, December 6th will be our next meeting. We will decorate the church at 9:30 a.m. and then have lunch, a devotion, and a short business meeting. Make sure you bring a brown bag lunch with a drink for yourself for after the decorating.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: The Adult Sunday School class that meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays has graciously agreed to study the Catechism so that those wishing to become members of Trinity can be instructed in the Christian Faith. This instruction is also for members desiring a refresher in the faith and the class will begin in January. The class will make use of the latest 2017 catechism from CPH. If you don't have this edition please contact Jan in the church office and she can order a copy for you for \$22.99 each. Those wishing to become members will receive a free copy. Thanks, Pastor John Flamme.

TRINITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Education Committee is hosting the Trinity Family Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 pm in the great room. Appetizers and Desserts will be served. Sign-up sheets for the appetizers and desserts will be up on the Education Bulletin Board by Sunday, November 23rd. Toy gift exchange (bring a new toy to restock our Church nursery). Donations will be collected to purchase a new toy kitchen and table for the nursery. We hope to see you there

BOTTLE CAP PROJECT: LWML is still collecting bottle caps of all sizes. We have a bin in the Education Office for the Caps you collect. The bottle caps are used to make prosthetics for disabled patients, of low-income, in Mexico. Rosy, a deaconess from one of the Juarez Lutheran Mission churches, picks up the bottle caps from Isleta Lutheran Missions and delivers them to the Collection Center in Juarez where the prosthetics are made. What a blessing for the disabled. Thank you for your support.

MOVIE NIGHT: Friday December 19th 7:00 pm: The Christmas Star: The Search for the Star of Bethlehem. (A documentary) followed by a chance to view the stars up close - brought to you by Paul and Cathy Anderson. Cider and Coco will be served. Registration requested.

FOUND: A pair of brown glasses has been found in the church parking lot. If you are missing them please see Jan in the church office.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2026 has been posted. Please sign up for your special occasions or in memory of someone. The cost is \$36.00 for two arrangements or if you would like to share with someone the cost is \$18.00. I would like to ask that you come to the front of the church after the service on the Sunday you have flowers and I will give you the flower arrangements. Thank you to all of you who have been faithful in providing flowers. Cheryl Richey

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFYO.org: It's time for a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT)! "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" will begin airing this week, with a focus on Paul's two epistles to the Thessalonians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for a new study on the book of Malachi! Don't forget to join us this weekend for

Concord Matters (12/6 at 10 a.m. CT). In our current study of Luther's Large Catechism, we are taking a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer. Listen in as we discuss the 1st Petition. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Help Share the Gospel. With your assistance, LHF gives books of the Lutheran faith to people around the world in their own languages. Our Mission Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: "A Simple Explanation of Confession" - Confession changes between Christian denominations, making it a difficult concept to understand. What do Lutherans believe about confession? What sins should be confessed? What qualifies a pastor to forgive sins? And where does God's forgiveness come from? Answer all of these questions and more in this short, informative booklet. (CPH.org)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 71 COMMUNED: 60 ONLINE: 5

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$1,260.00

THANKSGIVING - DOLLAR PROJECT: \$84.00

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION: \$150.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Nora Sotak & Tom Blackmon	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
LITURGIST:	Robert Rentschler	SERMON:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Dick Dommers
	Susan Rentschler		Merry Zumwalt
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Volunteers		

ASSISTING IN OUR ADVENT SERVICE, DECEMBER 3RD

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

ELDER:	Dick Dommers	ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt
ALTAR GUILD:	Diane Kline	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
	Cheryl Richey		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Allen & Belinda Burmeister	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Diane Kline	TELLERS:	Linde Van Cleave
	Cheryl Richey		Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Diane Kline	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN
PRAISE AND PRAYER**

FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Allen & Belinda, Burmeister, Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark,
Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Sammie Feldman, **Verna Fladhammer,** Jill Guitierrez,
May Lynn Hayes & family, **Kristi Humphrey,** Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Janet Kushlan,
Carly Lowen, Carey Mitchell, Jim Money, Rob & Karen Ostash, Robert Patrick, Tim Polling,
Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, **Robert Rentschler,** Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder,
David Steeby, Roger Storm, **Irvin Torres,** Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers,
Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel,

We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins,** Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps,
Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd,
and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer,
Shirley Hill, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, Lee Wood,

AMEN

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. The cards are **located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary**. If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.