

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
First Sunday in Advent
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR**

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“CHRIST BE MY LEADER”

✚ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 203

✚ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 204

✚ PSALM 25:1-10; *antiphon: verse 6*

Pastor: ¹To You, O LORD,

People: I lift up my soul.

Pastor: ²O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

People: let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: ³Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

People: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Pastor: ⁴Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

People: teach me Your paths.

Pastor: ⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;

People: for You I wait all the day long.

Pastor: ⁶Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

People: for they have been from of old.

Pastor: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Pastor: ⁸Good and upright is the LORD;

People: therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: ⁹He leads the humble in what is right,

People: and teaches the humble His way.

Pastor: ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

ALL: 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.

Pastor: ⁶Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
People: **for they have been from of old.**

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The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **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. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Reader: The Old Testament reading for the first Sunday in Advent is from the thirty-third chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁴"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*Zechariah 9:9; Psalms 118:26, alt.*)

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Pastor: Behold, your King is coming to you;

People: **righteous and having salvation.**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of First Thessalonians.

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 19:28-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the nineteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸ When He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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“IN GOD MY FAITHFUL GOD”

THE SERMON “THE TEACHER”

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OFFERING

COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated by this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites us to His table as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, you are asked to **refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 66:1-12; Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-14

NEXT WEEK: What can we expect in our lives as Christians?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 10-21

1. The Proverbs talk a lot about wisdom. What 4 letter word is the opposite of wisdom? How many examples of that person do you see in the Proverbs?
2. There are many Proverbs that deal with riches and having little. Which one(s) hit home to you?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

December 1 – Advent I - Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

December 1 - “Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan* – **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

December 1 – Advent I – Abortion and assisted suicide arise out of panic. The Advent Gospel offers something better: promise and patient anticipation. During surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, Jesus Christ means that better days

are coming (Jeremiah 33:14), redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28), and none who wait upon the Lord shall be put to shame (Psalm 25:3). Sufferings will end, but blessings accumulate. Breathe, trust, hope, and rejoice.

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	4:45 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 P.M.	Soup & Sandwich Supper
	7:00 P.M.	Advent Worship Service
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	Quilters
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	Highway Cleanup
	10:00 A.M.	LWML Tree Decorating
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Roy & Linde Van Cleave in thanks to God for the many blessings of the past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 A.M.** for our next highway cleanup. Meet at our church sign just west of White Sands National Park. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Gloves, trash grabbers, vests and trash bags will be provided. See Hannah for more information.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2025 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 & KFUE.org: Sharper Iron airs a new series called "The Fifth Evangelist" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), going through the book of Isaiah. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), we enter into Holy Week, taking a look at chapters 12-14 in John's Gospel. Join us live on Sunday and Wednesday (1:00 and 7:00 p.m. CT) as we bring back a special 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, a one-hour program of sacred music for the Advent season. Find the full program schedule at kfuo.org/joy.

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER is the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation** - Translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing books and materials that are Bible-based, Christ-centered, and Reformation-driven. *(This is what Pastor Cramm uses for support for Africa trips.)*

VISITOR MUGS: The committee has put together some coffee mugs for our visitors. They are located on the inside bottom of the Guestbook podium. A very handy place for you to get one to give visitors when you show them the guest book and ask them to sign it. Please, on the Sundays that you are hosting be sure to hand out ONE mug

per family, visitor, or group (if it seems multiple people in a group would need one, that's fine). Thanks for helping us with this.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: A Simple Explanation of Christmas: "Christmas is the day when Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' birth over two thousand years ago. God's only Son, Jesus, was born to live His life among humanity and to die for the forgiveness of sins everywhere. He is our Savior and the baby born in the manger: the reason Christians celebrate. This booklet briefly describes the biblical account of Jesus' birth and some of the traditions Christians have for celebrating Christmas in their congregations and families." Be sure to pick up a copy of this month's tract to read.

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 1

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Our first midweek Advent sermon is "Wonderful Counselor" – a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn how God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son Whose Word of Truth sets us free from sin and it's damning deception. (see John 8:31).

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS: There will be a soup & sandwich supper before each Advent service beginning on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Advent service at 7:00 p.m. 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 21, 2024

Meet at church at 5:00 to carpool. Bring a couple of cookies to share with the other carolers after we sing Hot chocolate and tea provided

LWML

Happy Advent Ladies! It is one of the most joyous times in the church year and also one of the busiest. LWML has a lot going on, so I am going to share what we have coming up from now until January 4, 2025.

- **On November 25th** LWML brought 5 families Thanksgiving baskets.
- **Saturday, December 7th**, the LWML ladies will be decorating the church for Christmas and hosting a potluck lunch for the volunteers cleaning up the trash along the highway. We will meet at 10:00 AM at church to decorate. Please sign up on the LWML bulletin board for the Potluck afterwards and what you plan to bring. Lunch will be served around noon. We hope you will come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.
- **December 9-22**, the ladies of LWML will have the children's gift tree up for the children in our area who may not have a Christmas. Please help s by taking an ornament off the tree to give these children a good Christmas by sharing God's love. Please bring the wrapped gifts to the church and place them in the matching ornament tub. More information to come in the weekly bulletins.

Susan Kelly, LWML Secretary

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 74 COMMUNED: 57 ONLINE:

SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2024, GENERAL FUND: \$2,854.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00

MISSIONS-LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$450.00

FOOD BASKET: \$150.00

BACK PACK MINISTRY: \$50.00

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS: \$13.00

FLOWERS: \$36.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Lola Ableidinger

HOSTS:	Cheryl Sandenaw	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser	TELLERS:	Linde Van Cleave
	Beverly Van Duyn		Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Gerald Moore	2ND LESSON:	Gayan Moore

ASSISTING IN OUR WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE, DECEMBER 4TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

ELDER:	Robert Rentschler	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt		
1ST LESSON:	Hannah Keeler	2ND LESSON:	Beverly Van Duyn

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

MUSIC:

HOSTS:	Matt & Jill Clark	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger
	Beverly Van Duyn		Nora Sotak
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly		
	Glen & Christine Schlehuser		
1ST LESSON:	Yvonne Steeby	2ND LESSON:	Cheryl Sandenaw

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Darren Belcher, Donna Belcher, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark,
Pastor Kevin Cramm, Donna & Billie Crawford, Mike Fladhammer, Lee Fellows, Gari Ann Gage,
Darlene Gilmore, Donna Holiday, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, Jim Johnson, Michelle Luevano,
Robyn Luevano, Damian Orchard, Cindy Ostler, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Laura Salazar,
Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, **Nora Sotak**, Roger Strom, Sarah Van Dorn, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers,
Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, Karen Zinn, 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, Daniel Smelser,
Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, **Lothar Butzkies**, **Frank & Shirley Enyeart**, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**,
Colleen Sandenaw, **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.