

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 14, 6 PM | Sunday, December 15, 9 AM

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(The ringing of the bell signals the beginning of worship. Please direct your attention to the Prelude offered for your personal worship preparation. Please also silence all electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

(6:00) **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers -arr. Ashdown**
Marilyn Mark, Associate Organist

(9:00) **Advent Carol -arr. Hayes**

WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

HYMN Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding LSB 345

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

People: again I will say, **Rejoice.**

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the **LORD his God,**

Pastor: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

People: who keeps faith forever;

Pastor: who executes justice for the oppressed,

People: who gives food to the hungry.

Pastor: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

People: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

People: the LORD loves the righteous.

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;
People: **again I will say, Rejoice.**

GLORIA PATRI

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The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
- 17 The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
- 18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
- 19 Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 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.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*)

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18-35

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” ²⁹(When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

³¹“To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.’

³³ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

SERMON "Find Joy in Your Advent Preparations" Zeph. 3:14-18a
Guest Pastor Lemke

OFFERTORY (*Stand*)

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OFFERING

(6:00)

People, Look East -arr. DeJong

(9:00)

Rose of Bethlehem -Lowell Alexander

Emily Gibson, vocalist

Hope Muehler, cello

There's a Rose in Bethlehem With a beauty quite divine

Perfect in this world of sin On this silent holy night

There's a Fragrance much like hope That It sends upon the wind

Reaching out to ev'ry soul From a lowly manger's crib

O Rose of Bethlehem How lovely pure and sweet

Born to glorify the Father Born to wear the thorns for me

There's a Rose in Bethlehem Colored red like Mercy's Blood

'Tis the Flower of our faith 'Tis the Blossom of God's Love

Though Its Bloom is fresh with youth Surely what will be He knows

For a tear of morning dew Is rolling down the rose

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ’s body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.

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POSTLUDE (6:00) In Thee Is Gladness -arr. Ashdown

Those serving the Lord on December 14 & 15	
Elder:	Jon Benya
Comm. Assts:	Mike Pownell, Steve Bruzek, Carl Gloe
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Kaelyn Erickson 9:00 AM – Adrienne Smith & Ava Manthe
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri & Danika Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with T, U, V

Those serving the Lord in Advent: Wednesday, December 18	
Elder:	Jon Benya
Acolyte:	Claire Kistler
Usher Leader:	Team 4: Kay Lenaburg

Those serving the Lord on December 21 & 22	
Elder:	Steve Bruzek
Comm. Assts:	Carl Gloe, Jeremy Burkett, Jon Benya
Acolytes:	6:00 PM – Henry Steffens 9:00 AM – Roen Boehmke & Natalie Harville
Usher Leader:	6:00 PM – Team 4: Kay Lenaburg 9:00 AM – Team 8: Rod Powell
Altar Guild:	Teri & Danika Burkett and Dennis & Sandy Bruns
Fellowship Treats:	Last names beginning with W, X, Y, Z



Trinity’s Prayer List is on the following page. Please note that names and prayers will remain on the list for two weeks unless requested otherwise.



PRAY

without ✦ ceasing

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AT TRINITY

- For grateful hearts as we recall God's mercies to Trinity during 140 years, & for bold faith that confidently relies on God's promised mercies as we embrace the future
- For the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, to raise up and send out laborers into His harvest
- Guidance and support for Trinity's School Board
- For relatives & friends of Trinity on active military duty

GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS

- For the people of Liberia and the school project there
- Thanks for God's care for us through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers and their preborn children, in both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For all those who are chronically ill and suffering

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- *Faye Allen's nephew, Joel*
- *Darrell Axtell*
- *Heidi Baumert's uncle, Jim*
- *Chuck & Pat Campbell*
- *Laura Drzycimski's dad, John*
- *Karen Flint*
- *Mike Humphrey*
- *Don Maeder*
- *Ervene Nothwehr*
- *Del Runquist's son, Randy*
- *Carol Stellwagen*
- *Eloise Weiss*
- *Doran Welch*
- *LeAnna Williams*
- *Pamela Wilson*
- *Ed & Judy Wiseman*