

A Promise of PEACE



ADVENT 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 7, 2025



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson, Beverly Butler

Preacher

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Organist

Mark W. McClellan

Acolytes

Mila Ruge, Perrin Echelberger

Ushers

Ron Moeller, Brian Koob, Nancy Carroll, Larry Carroll, Gary Lindgren

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Warren Torkelson

Sunday: Danny Miller

Communion Assistants

Danny and Judy Miller

Technical Support

Colton Hesley, Leah Gerrietts, Devin Dettmer

Greeters

Saturday: Dan and Millie Godfrey, Roger Rossum

Sunday: John and LaVonne Welch

Coffee Fellowship

Cynthia Zach, Tonya Brunsvold, Roz Barron

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven

Custodian

Dave Smith

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR 97.9 FM

Advent 2025: A Promised Savior

In the season of Advent, we count down the days until Christmas. This Advent, we center our worship on God's promise: the promise of a Savior. Trusting in God's enduring faithfulness, we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas while our longing hearts wait in hope for God's promised Savior's reign of peace.

This week we reflect on ***A Promise of Peace***. Isaiah foretells the coming of the Prince of Peace, the child through whom God's light shines in the darkness. The psalmist rests securely in God's care, trusting the Lord alone to bring true peace. Even as we await Christ's return, we hold fast to this promise — that God's peace will prevail and all creation will find its rest in Him.

ALTAR FLOWERS

are in celebration of

Marlene Freudenberg's 90th Birthday

given by her Family

COLOR BULLETINS

are given by Marilyn Lind and Denise Lind

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. An **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (the door under the stained glass window door).

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in several places throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.



GATHERING

Prelude

Introit on "Veni Emmanuel"

Pietro Yon

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Hark the Glad Sound!

ELW 239

***Greeting**

P Grace and peace be with you in the name of the Triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P God of steadfast promise, in this Advent season you draw us toward the peace only Christ can bring. As the prophets proclaim and the psalmist sings, your light breaks into our darkness and your presence quiets our restless hearts. Prepare us to welcome the Prince of Peace with hope and joy, and strengthen us to trust that your healing, reconciling peace will prevail over all creation. Through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

C Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath & Children's Sermon

L This Advent, we countdown the days until Christmas by lighting candles on the Advent wreath. Each bright light shines hope into our world and our hearts. God's love is near.

C Jesus, you are our light and our salvation.

L We light the first Advent candle, remembering God keeps promises, even promises made long ago.

C Jesus, you fulfil the promise of God's saving grace.

L Today, we light the second candle, longing for peace in our world and celebrating where it is found.

C Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace.

L Jesus, we carry your light with us wherever we go.

C Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

(continued.....)

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

L Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**C “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

L Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

**C Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

L Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

**C Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

L You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**C In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel: Matthew 24:23-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There he is!’—do not believe it. ²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Take note, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, ‘Look! He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look! He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the eagles will gather.

²⁹ “Immediately after the suffering of those days
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from heaven,
and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

³⁰ “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ‘the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven’ with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“A Promise of Peace”

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264

***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,
C Hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Announcements

MEAL

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



Offertory

The Prologue of Jesus

Joseph Clokey

***Doxology**

**Lord, we bring our gifts to you;
Symbols of our love made new;
As we wait for Christ, our Light;
Bless our hearts with hope made bright.**

(Sung to the tune of *Take My Life, That I May Be*, ELW 685)

***Offering Prayer**

P God of abundant peace, receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your promises.
As you once sent the Prince of Peace to dwell among us, use what we offer today
to bring comfort, hope, and reconciliation to a waiting world.

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

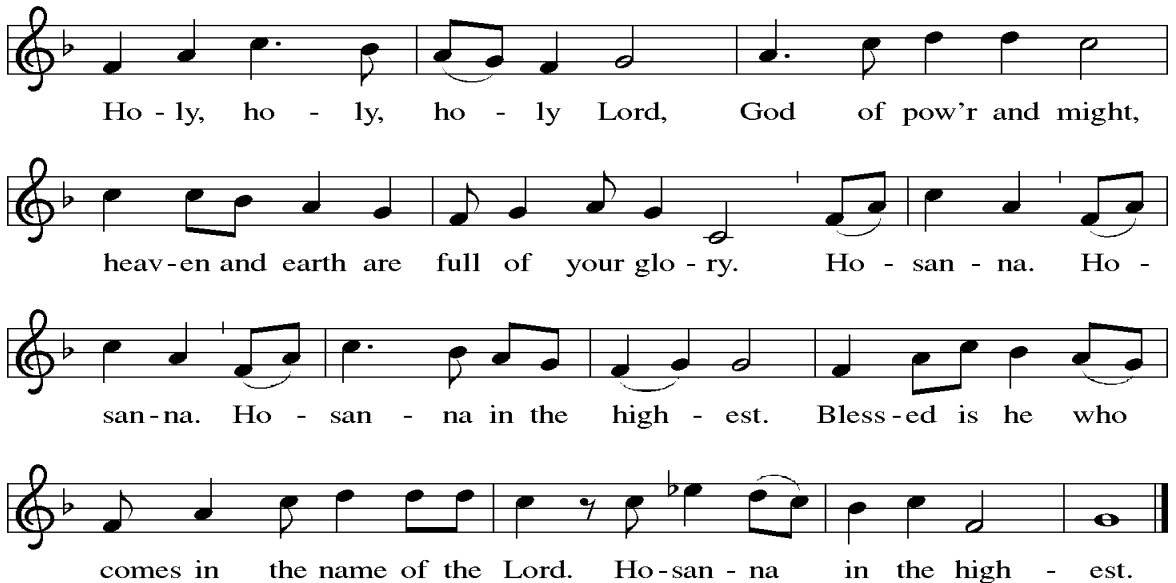
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

*Lord's Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that comes in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 254

ELW 479

*Prayer after Communion

P Prince of Peace, in this meal you have nourished us with your presence and strengthened our hope in your promises. Send us out as bearers of your light, that we may share your peace with a world longing for rest.

C Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P May the peace of Christ, the promised Savior, guard your hearts and guide your days. And may his light shine through you as you wait in hope for his coming.

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn *All Earth is Hopeful*

ELW 266

*Sending

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

COMMUNITY MEAL Wednesday, December 10th | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Dinner is served from 6:00pm to 6:30pm for a free-will offering.

This week's menu: Turkey Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Cranberry Fluff and Cookies

ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE | 6:30—7:00PM | Sanctuary

The service will combine story, Scripture, music, and prayer to connect our hearts this season of longing, anticipation, and hope.

***Choir Rehearsal** | Choir Room | 6:30pm—7:30pm

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

YOUTH PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

***Nursery** | 6:30pm—7:30pm | The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is UNSTAFFED but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

***Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6** | Rm 208 | 6:30pm—7:30pm

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming here at Trinity on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. In December, we will explore our Nordic heritage and some traditions, including Santa Lucia.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE BREAK.

Our mid-week programing will take a recess on December 24 and December 31.

Stay tuned for our new series which begins on January 7th!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP BREAK

All related activities will take a break starting December 24 and will resume on January 11th.

The Sunday School staff and Youth Team wishes you a Blessed Advent & Christmas Season!

CAMPFIRE KIDS PROJECTS

Thanks again for all the milk crates! We've loved watching them pop up at the office door.

Campfire Kids still is in need of six (6) more milk crates if you know of any sources.

We are also looking for the following items:

plastic crowns or tiaras
fishing equipment

bird stuffed animals
old wedding attire,

lanterns or candles,
battery or rechargeable

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL MUSCIANS

Sound the trumpets, strike the drum — time to get the band back together again for the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service here at Trinity! Participation in the band's rehearsals held on the two Sundays before Christmas Eve is encouraged. Contact Nathan Elsbernd: nelsbernd19@gmail.com

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READERS NEEDED

Individuals, couples or families interested in reading the Advent Liturgy and lighting the Advent Wreath on any of the upcoming Sundays? Please sign up on the clipboard outside the office or give us a call!

CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS NEEDED

Individuals and couples who would like to join in serving as Ushers are welcome to join us! There is a sign up clipboard outside the office with available times. The team will assist you in knowing everything you need to know, Feel free to call the office to inquire as well.

TRINITY CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG Sunday, December 7

5:00pm-7:00pm | Join us for some jolly caroling and fellowship at Fat Hill Brewery! Bring an appetizer to share. A free will offering will be collected for Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank and the Community Kitchen. Please note that this is an Adult Event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 14 | 10:30AM

Our annual program features all Sunday School Children and Trinity Youth telling the story of Jesus' birth. See you there!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE Tuesday, December 16 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us to sing Christmas hymns and play BINGO in the Fellowship Hall!

TRINITY'S GIVING TREE: SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TAG and YSS NORTH IOWA

The Ministries Committee is again sponsoring this opportunity and thanks you for all your support in brightening the lives of these children in need! The Giving Tree, at the East Entrance, is filled with tags! Stop by and choose a gift to give. The tags will indicate whether to wrap the gift or leave it unwrapped. Please have all items returned to the church *by Friday, December 12.*

DECEMBER DONATIONS FOR THE HYGIENE PANTRY

Let's help stock the pantry full for the Holidays! Trinity is in an on-going effort with our neighbor church to collect donations for the Community Hygiene Pantry. Please place any donations in the cabinet below the Church Office window. Cash donations are also welcome. Just note on the memo line of your check. The items needed are:

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Dish Soap
Toilet Tissue

Laundry Soap
(powder, pods)
Shampoo
Soap, bar + body wash

Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene
Disposable Diapers
Baby Wipes

CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP SERVICES

1:30 PM

*Pastor Dan Gerrietts preaching
Traditional worship with Communion*

4:00 PM

*Pastor Daniel Hanson preaching
Worship service livestreamed online,
and broadcast on KCMR FM 97.9
(Family-friendly)*

5:30 PM

*Pastor Beverly Butler preaching
Traditional worship with Communion
(Family-friendly)*

10:30 PM

***Musical Prelude at 10:00 PM**
Pastor Dan Gerrietts preaching
Traditional worship with Communion
Livestreamed online,
and broadcast on KCMR FM 97.9*

2025 Christmas Offering

All designated Christmas offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with the Trinity Welfare Fund, Community Kitchen and ELCA World Hunger. Designated offerings include those dollars that are received through member's Christmas offering envelope, the Christmas online giving tab, and any other gift marked "Christmas." Thanks for your generosity to these partner ministries!

Poinsettias and Christmas Memorials

Poinsettia memorials (\$17) and Christmas memorials are being accepted through December 14th. Sign up on the clipboard or give us a call in the Office.

BASES EXERCISE

CLASS -Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:00 AM | Gathering Space
BASES (Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization) Exercise Classes continue into the cold Season. This is a free program for Adults ages 55 or older, coordinated by the former Retired Senior Volunteer Program and led by Trinity volunteers. Join us to warm up!

LECTIO DIVINA

Mondays | 9:00 AM | Rm 322

Join us this week and in the weeks to come for these special grounding practices during this busy season. (Note: These groups do not meet on the 5th Mondays)

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Thurs, December 11

9:30 AM | Room 208

Taking a deeper look at The Ten Commandments, the topic will be "Greed and Justice," the Ninth and Tenth Commandments. We live in a consumer-based culture. Coveting seems less serious than other commandments, but its subtlety may be its power. The class is led by the Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist. Bring your friends for Engaging conversation.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for Global Health
9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Rm. 322 and on Zoom)
9:30 AM Altar Guild (Rm. 300)
6:00 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 300)

Wednesday Night Alive

6:30 AM ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE
6:30 AM Choir Practice and Youth Programs
6:30 PM Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study (Rm 208)
10:30 AM Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir (Rm 307, Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - Livestream, 97.9 FM
10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
11:30 AM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

UNA VOCIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 13 7:00 pm | First Congregational Church
Celebrate the season with local singers, brass, and percussion performing beloved carols, contemporary works, and **Rutter's Gloria.. NordKor**, their youth choir, opens the second half, and the audience is invited to join in two carols. Tickets: Adults \$12/\$15, Students \$5; concert followed by our annual **"Savories and Sweets" reception**. Visit www.unavocis.org for tickets and information. Our own Dennis Lee is directing the evening.