

November 29 & 30, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

Saturday, November 29: Advent 1

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, November 30: Advent 1

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

Monday, December 1:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Men. Pub. Lib)

Tuesday, December 2:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board Meetings

Wednesday, December 3:

ADVENT 1 MID-WEEK SERVICES

9:00 AM & 6:30 PM Mid-Week Services

5:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:15 PM Advent Meal

Thursday, December 4:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, December 5:

7:00 PM Hymn Sing

Saturday, December 6: Advent 2

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, December 7: Advent 2

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

✝ We Pray For... ✝

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, Lori Wendricks, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Joel Collingwood, Jim Dehne, Brandon Hurst, Sarah Mlodik, Abigail Reuning, Thomas Stolzman.

HOLY COMMUNION

Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

Our non-alcoholic option for Holy Communion is an alcohol removed wine containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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This Weekend’s Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Proclaim the Lord” & Jesus is the Bread of Life”

✠ Stewardship ✠

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!

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

NEXT DINE-OUT DECEMBER 8TH!

Mark your calendar for the **Panda Express Dine Out fundraiser** for our school. It will be Monday, December 8th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. More information is coming next weekend.

ADOPT A BILL HAS A NEW LOOK!

The bills on the paper strips are taking a rest (let us know if you want them back). You still choose how much you wish to pay by writing on the envelopes provided. Drop them in an offering plate, the mailbox outside the office or stop by the office.

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY: “*Ruth*” with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
10:30 AM

SUNDAY: “*What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School*” With Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
10:30 AM

MONDAY: Women’s Bible Study
6:30 PM
“*Leaning on Jesus*” A Study of God’s Strength by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Pub. Lib.

TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study
6:30 AM
200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!

THURSDAY: Men’s Bible Study
6:00 AM
“*1st and 2nd Timothy*”
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conference Room

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or the church office.

READY TO CHRISTMAS CAROL?

Mark your calendar! Sunday, December 7th at 1:30 pm we will be meeting to go caroling. A potluck will be enjoyed after caroling at Ron and Dottie Kraus’ home (3485 Thornberry Dr., Appleton)! Bring a salad or dessert to share. See you there!

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

Kwik Trip, gas and groceries has doubled their rebate. Also, increased rebate on Fleet Farm. Limited time only!

✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 29: ADV 1

Elder on Duty: Bruce Gast
Usher Team: Robert Allen
Communion Asst.: Steve Reinke
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: Betty Allen
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 30: ADV 1

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Lee Weinig
Communion Asst: Scott Gutzmann
Altar Guild: Carol Evensen
Flower Delivery: Carol Evensen
Greeter: Liz Kamprath
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, December 3:

ADV. 1 MID-WEEK • 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: Allen/Weinig Teams
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

DEC. 3RD ADVENT MEAL MENU

The December 3rd Advent meal will be hosted by our Board of Christian Education and Board of Properties. The menu will be:

- Spaghetti Casseroles • Salads • Beverages
- Desserts

Future Advent meals will be hosted by:

Dec 10 - BOSM/Stewardship:

Chili/soup, garlic bread, desserts, sausage, cheese and crackers, toppings and dressings for salad, and milk

Dec 17 - Boards of Worship & Elders



✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 6:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Asst.: Ian Thomas
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Betty Allen
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 7:

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Flower Delivery: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, December 10:

ADV. 2 MID-WEEK • 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: Maynard/Wittmann Teams
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Cranberries, Boxed Stuffing, Jello/Pudding, Paper Towels, and Dish Soap.** If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!



7th and 8th Grade Fundraiser UNCLE MIKE'S KRINGLE COUPON SALE

Are you tired of the same old fundraiser year after year? Why not try Uncle Mike's Kringle! Uncle Mike's Kringle is a butter-layered pastry, with homemade fillings of superior quality.

7th—8th Graders are selling "coupons" and you come into one of their stores to pick up a kringle. It does not expire. Kringle coupons sell for \$23.00.

How Long O Lord? Psalm 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
- ² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the Lord, as was decreed for[a] Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
- ⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord
our God,
I will seek your good.

What is the point of Christmas? Is it the gifts? Seeing family? Or the cookies? Oh, the cookies ... All these things can be good parts of Christmas, but do they lead us to the true reason for Christmas?

- The triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is a strange reading for the First Week in Advent, isn't it? It completely skipped Christmas!
- However, today's reading from St. Matthew focuses on where Jesus's life will lead: to Jerusalem and His cross.
- Why are Jerusalem and the cross so important in the season of Advent? Because that is where Jesus dies for you, where He wins peace, that is forgiveness for you.
- You see, there is a little sermon in the name of the great city Jerusalem — it means “city” or “foundation of peace.” This is why Jesus

- entered this world: to bring you His peace and forgiveness.
- Did you notice how Psalm 122 today was a prayer of the great King David and Israel as they entered Jerusalem? The psalmist wrote, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’ Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!” (Psalm 122:1–2).

Even as you find yourself busy with family time, gift-giving and cookie baking in the coming weeks, do not forget to come to the house of the Lord. Do not forget to come to church to hear God's Word and receive His grace at this altar. Because each week, this sanctuary becomes a little Jerusalem, a place where Jesus gives us the greatest gift of His peace and forgiveness.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we enter this season of Advent, we give thanks that You brought Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to deliver us from sin and bring us peace with You. As we look forward to Christ's second coming, comfort us in this life through Your Means of Grace that You freely give to us — Your Word and Sacraments. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- ⇒ Dec 1: 9 am School Opening
- ⇒ Dec 2: 9 am School Opening
3:30 pm Basketball Practice
- ⇒ Dec 3: 9 am Advent Service
6:30 pm Advent Service
- ⇒ Dec 4: 9 am School Opening
4:30 pm Basketball @ Berlin
- ⇒ Dec 5: 9 am School Opening
- ⇒ Dec 10 1st—4th Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec 15 PS3—K5 Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec 17 5th—8th Christmas Service



Annual Trinity Ladies Cookie and Candy Sale



It is that time again when we think about all the joys of Advent and Christmas. On top of that list is the birth of Baby Jesus; our Savior who then died to deliver us from the punishment of our sins. There never has been or never will be a larger gift. We ask you to take every opportunity to share His love with the people you meet and tell them about Him. You can never give a better gift than to share this Good News! That is the prayer the Trinity Ladies have for each one of you this blessed season.

Our annual cookie and candy sale begins the weekend of December 6th and 7th. Also, December 14th and 15th, before and after the worship services. Also, for the Trinity School Children's programs on December 10th and 17th (9:00 AM & 6:30 PM) and December 15th @ 6:00PM.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US BAKE COOKIES AND MAKE CANDY; YOU CAN SIMPLY BRING THEM WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP. You need not wrap or bag the items separately as we sell them right out of the container you bring them in. All proceeds go for numerous missions as well as for Trinity Church and School projects. We thank you for serving with us and bringing joy to our customers!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 7th, 2025

Meeting at the church at 1:30 then traveling to locations of our "shut-ins" After there'll be a potluck at the home of Dottie & Ron Kraus.

Please sign-up on the spinner in the Narthex indicating if you will be bringing a salad or dessert this will help with planning for the numbers attending.

"LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE"

Psalms 98:4

Help Us Decorate Our Lord's House!

As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us as we decorate His house. The festivities will take place December 14th, after Bible Study. Lunch will be provided in the Narthex Conference Room. If you have questions, you can direct them to Elaine Weinig at (920) 470-9090.



Trinity Lutheran Church and School invites you to join us each weekend for our regular worship services. Advent services begin, leading up to Christmas and the New Year. We hope to see you!

Weekend Services:

Saturday, 5:00 PM & Sunday, 9:00 AM with 10:30 AM Education Hour which includes 2 Bible Study Classes & Sunday School for the Children

Advent Mid-Week Divine Services & Grade School Christmas Services

9:00 AM and 6:30 PM (no Communion)

December 3—Advent 1

December 10—Advent 2: 1st—4th Grade Christmas Service

Monday, December 15, 6:00 PM: PS3—K5 Christmas Service

December 17—Advent 3: 5th-8th Grade Christmas Service

Christmas Divine Services

December 24, Christmas Eve Divine Services:

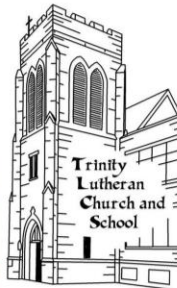
4:00 & 6:30 PM Divine Services (no Communion)

11:00 PM Candlelight Service (with Communion)

December 25, 9:00 AM—Christmas Day Divine Service (with Communion)

New Years Eve Divine Service

December 31, 6:30 PM — with Communion



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