

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am

December 1, 2024

Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Trinity Mission Statement

To proclaim God’s grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; to nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and to bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.

October 2024 Finances

Oct. Offering Income	\$ 23,165.00
Oct. Budgeted Expense	<u>\$ 20,129.80</u>
Difference	\$ 3,035.20
‘24 Year-to-date Income	\$214,381.90
‘24 Year-to-date Expense	<u>\$253,046.89</u>
Difference	(\$ 38,664.99)

Musician: Nancy Matti

Lector: Judy Follmuth

Acolyte:

Videographer: Ryan Nelson

Ushers: Glenn and Kim Pollock
Harry and Judy Follmuth

Altar Guild: Dorothy Gesme

Communion Assistants: Kathy Demmer
Liz Hinsch
Holli Nelson



GATHERING

*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

*FORGIVENESS

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

Amen.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Praise to you, O God, our salvation is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day nor the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

***CANDLELIGHTING HYMN**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

vv. 1-2 #257

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says 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 live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

***GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

P: The Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is

near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

“Redemption”

Pastor Kristen Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light” versus 1-3,5

#715

APOSTLES’ CREED

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

MEAL

OFFERING/CHILDREN’S NOISY OFFERING

***OFFERTORY:** *“Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”*

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER.
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you’d like Communion brought to your pew.)

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION**

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

“Soon and Very Soon”

#439

***OUR MISSION:**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Your stewardship pledge sheets and time and talent sheets for 2025 are due into the office TODAY! There are extra copies of these in the narthex if you need them. Please fill them out and return them either in the offering plate or to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

QUILTS: handmade by Trinity’s quilters during the past year are now hanging over the backs of pews in the sanctuary. They are available for sale. Please choose your quilt and take the tag along with your payment and give it to a quilter (Lois Burns, Dorothy Gesme, Jenny Johnson, Sue Anderson, Betty Moon, and Evonne Philippe) or bring to the church office. Quilts will also be sold at the Trinity Bazaar on December 7 and again after worship on December 8.

“MESSIAH”: Trinity musicians and singers will present Handel’s Messiah during worship on Sunday, December 8. If you would like to sing along, rehearsal is Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. During the worship an offering will be taken for the food shelf and you are encouraged to bring along a nonperishable food item which will be donated to the Hayfield Community Food Shelf.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- **Sunday, Dec 8:** Handel’s “Messiah” during worship, followed by WELCA bazaar and coffee and treats in the fellowship hall.
- **Sunday, Dec. 15:** Sunday School Christmas Program during worship and Holy Communion. Following worship, the parish membership and evangelism board is hosting Ugly Sweater Bingo, with white elephant prizes for adults and also for children in the fellowship hall
- **Sunday, December 22:** Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Eve:** Candlelight Worship at 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION PICTURES are in! Please pick them up in the narthex.

CHURCH SNOW BLOWER: Trinity is looking to sell its snow blower, which is in working condition. Cost is \$225. If you are interested, contact the church office.

2025 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES: Trinity's offering envelopes for 2025 are in the narthex for you to pick up. We have cut back on the number of envelope boxes, so new numbers have been assigned this year. If you don't see a box with your name on it and want envelopes, please contact the church office and they will get a box for you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Children have been busy practicing their Christmas songs and class presentations! Everyone is invited to the Sunday School Christmas program! Sunday Schoolers will present their Christmas program during the worship service December 15. Final rehearsal will be during Sunday School December 8. (No Sunday School today, December 1, because it's Thanksgiving weekend.) Please come celebrate Jesus's birthday with us!

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE AT FIELD CREST

Students in grades 5-8, join a costumed parade to bring holiday cheer and greetings to residents of Crest View Villa and Field Crest Care Center, including Trinity members. Event is December 8. We'll gather at Trinity at 1:30 to prepare and then parade through the Villa and the nursing home, distributing cards and small gifts. We'll be ready to chat with residents, and we can sing Christmas carols IF there is interest among the middle schoolers. We'll end by 3 p.m. We invite interested parents or other adults to join us. (If our middle school numbers are low, we may extend an invitation to families or high school youth to join us, so please let Denise know if you might be interested.) SIGN UP online using the QR code to claim your costume preference--we need Mary and Joseph plus shepherds, angels, wisemen, and animals.



GOOD EARTH VILLAGE'S "SIGN UP SUNDAY" IS TODAY!

Good Earth Village is excited to announce the return of Sign Up Sunday today! To celebrate they are offering a 40% discount for their Tier 1 level pricing and 30% off Intergen Family Camp. This discount opportunity is only available on the opening day of registration, today. They have exciting new and returning summer camp programs this summer! Visit their website for camp descriptions, dates, and pricing...goodearthvillage.org .

Also, Trinity pays 20 percent of camp tuition for one session annually at Good Earth Village (GEV) for Trinity members and 50 percent of the day camp fee. You will be able to indicate you would like this payment from Trinity when you register; kindly inform Denise, also. You do not have to select this support. If your family has greater financial need, please speak with Pastor Kristen or Denise. Any Trinity member may support Trinity kids' participation at GEV by making a financial donation.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE NURSE OF THE WEEK

Good Earth Village is seeking a nurse each week of summer camp. If a week is open, a qualified nurse volunteers and their children can attend camp with the appropriate age cabin group free of charge. Contact Nate, nate@goodearthvillage.org . (If you're a grandparent nurse who would volunteer, check with Nate, too.)

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 1	9:00am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00am	NO Sunday School
	10:15am	NO Adult Forum
	10:00am	Decorating church for Christmas
Mon 2	7:00pm	AA meeting
Tues 3	8:30am	SAIL Exercise Class
	10:00am	Bible Study
Wed 4	3:00pm	WASS
	5:00pm	Wednesday Supper
	6:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thurs 5	8:30am	SAIL Exercise Class
Sat 7	8:30am	WELCA Bazaar
Sun 8	9:00am	Worship Service with "Messiah"
	10:00am	Sunday School program rehearsal
	10:00am	WELCA Bazaar
	1:30pm	Middle School event

November Attendance

November 3 - 164
November 10 - 126
November 17 - 117
November 24 - 120

Prayer Concerns

For Strength and Healing:

Carol Anderson, Margaret Becker, Kathy Blanchard, Russ Boullion, Linda Koski, Skeeter and Shirley Miner

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU OR A MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED.

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm