

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chamberlain, SD 57325

"To unite all people in the love and fellowship of Jesus
Christ and to serve our growing community"

Ministers: People of Trinity

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1st Sunday of Advent

12/2/18

*** Please stand as you are able.**

Service of the Word



Gathering Music & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ELW #248, verse 1

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession. To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us

your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

***Hymn:**

ELW # 436

***Greeting & Kyrie: page 213**

***Canticle of Praise: page 213**

***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

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name – “The Lord is our righteousness” – proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will

fulfil 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 25

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

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

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his Letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

¹⁰Night 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. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

***Gospel Acclamation: page 216**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36**

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

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. ²⁶People will faint from

fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. ²⁸Now 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; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven 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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.’

***Hymn of the Day:**

ELW #253

5th & 6th Graders Milestone Ministry Recognition

***Prayers:** Congregation responds, “Hear our prayer”

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering/***Offertory**

ELW #692

*Thanksgiving for the Word: page 220

*Lord's Prayer: page 221

SENDING

* Final Blessing:

***Closing Hymn**

ELW #254

OUR SERVICE MINISTERS

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Heffernan

Musician: Rosemary Mohr

Host: 5th & 6th Graders

Lector: 5th & 6th Graders

Deacon: Judy Swanson

Altar Care: Kathi Anderson

Offering Tellers: Rosemary Mohr & TBD

Attendance: Saturday: 6 Sunday: 57

Offering for October: Actual: \$10,245.48

Budgeted: \$ 9,679.17

Difference: \$ 566.31

Sanctuary Candle: Happy Birthday to Diane Nesselhuf (12/5); Happy Birthday to Seth Nesselhuf (12/5); In remembrance of Kathy Winterfeldt's Birthday (12/6).

Announcements

12/1 & 12/2/18

FIRST COMMUNION: Next Sunday, December 9th we will be celebrating first communion with Danika Goodman, Norah Olson, and Caleb Reimer.

MILESTONE RECOGNITION: This Sunday we will be recognizing our 5th and 6th graders, who have just completed their Milestone Ministry work on the 10 Commandments.

WELCA MISSION PROJECT – We are collecting complete meal items for the next several months for the food pantries. In December we will collect hot or cold cereals. Thanks for all your donations!

NOISY OFFERING - During the month of November we collected \$112.42 for the ELCA gifts. In December we will collect our noisy offering for Lutherans Outdoors.

TLC Angel Tree - The Deacons will be setting up an Angel Tree for this upcoming Christmas Season. It will be set up in the church entrance December 1 – December 19th. The tree will have ornaments with gift requests for the Missouri Women's Valley Crisis Center, Pathfinders, and the Riverview Assisted Living Center residents. Please pick an ornament and return the wrapped gift or gift bag to the church, with the ornament list attached, by December 19th. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please route it to Pastor Lisa or any of the deacons. Thank you!

INSTANT FAMILY - The movie is inspired by real events in the life of director Sean Anders. Child welfare professionals, young people who were in care, and families who fostered and adopted were consulted by the film's creators to help ensure that their portrayal of adoption from foster care was accurate. The movie will be playing in Chamberlain until [December 6](#), 2018. Check theatre for times.

COMMUNITY CANTATA – The Cantata will be held on December 16th @ 4:00 p.m. at the UCC church. Several congregational members are in the program. They are looking for 2 or 3 people to help with the refreshments. If interested please contact Rosemary or Mary. Hope to see you there!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 2:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun, Dec 2:	10:30 a.m.	Church Council meeting
Tues, Dec 4:	5:30 p.m.	Treehouse Bd Meeting
Wed, Dec 5:	5:30 p.m.	Wowsome/Confirmation
Wed, Dec 5:	7:10 p.m.	Choir
Sat, Dec 8:	5:30 p.m.	Worship w/Communion

Trinity practices open communion – All who believe the bread and wine are Jesus' body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune with us.

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