

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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Second Sunday of Advent

12/9/18

* Please stand as you are able.



Everybody Praise!

Gathering Music

Greeting One Another & Announcement

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath ELW #248, verses 1 & 2**

*** Confession and 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 #264**

*** “Lord, Have Mercy” – *Everybody Praise!***

*** “Glory to God in the Highest” – *Everybody Praise!***

*** Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) shall prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm Reading: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness

that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

****"Alleluia" – Everybody Praise!***

***Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6**

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Sermon

*** Hymn of the Day**

W & P #128

First Communion Recognition

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

MEAL

Offering/* **Offertory**

ELW #692

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving: page 144

* **“Holy, Holy, Holy” – Everybody Praise!**

Words of Institution

*Lord’s Prayer: page 145

“Lamb of God” – *Everybody Praise!*

Distribution Hymns:

W & P #90, #144, #123

***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

***Final Blessing**

* **“Go In Peace” – *Everybody Praise!***

* **Closing Hymn**

Prayer of Dedication

OUR SERVICE MINISTERS

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Heffernan

Musician: Rosemary Mohr/Stacey Tveit

Host: 3rd & 4th Graders

Lector: 3rd & 4th Graders

Deacon: Judy Swanson

Altar Care: Kathi Anderson

Offering Tellers: Rosemary Mohr & TBD

Offering for November: Actual: \$ 8,149.25

Budgeted: \$ 9,679.17

Difference: \$(1,529.92)

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In remembrance of Marvel Gelling's birthday (12/15).

Announcements

12/8 & 12/9/18

FIRST COMMUNION: Today we will be celebrating first communion with Danika Goodman, Norah Olson, and Caleb Reimer.

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!

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 is set up in the church entry way. 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!

WOWSOME WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Our children’s Christmas program will be on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. The deacons will be providing treats following the program. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE—Our Christmas eve candlelight worship service with holy communion will be at 5:30 p.m. this year.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 9:	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
Tues, Dec 11:	9:15 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Tues, Dec 11:	2:00 p.m.	Text Study
Wed, Dec 12:	5:30 p.m.	Wowsome & Confirmation
Wed, Dec 12:	7:10 p.m.	Choir
Thurs, Dec 13:	7:00 p.m.	Deacons meeting
Sat, Dec 15:	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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