

# 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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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*12/16/18*

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

## Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting 10



Gathering Music & Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**ELW #248, verses 1-3**

**\*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 #249**

**\*Greeting & Kyrie: page 203**

**\*Canticle of Praise: page 204**

**\*Prayer of the Day: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Choir: "Breath of Heaven"**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

### **Isaiah 12:2-6**

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout

aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

**Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**\*Gospel Acclamation: page 205**

**\*Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18**

**John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our

ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'<sup>12</sup> Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'<sup>13</sup> He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'<sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation and be satisfied with your wages.'<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'<sup>17</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Sermon

**\* Hymn of the Day:**

**ELW #532**

\*Apostles' Creed: page 105

\* 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**

**Holy Communion**

\* Words of Institution: page 206

\* Lord's Prayer: page 208

Distribution

**Hymns:**

**ELW #715, 510, 479**

**SENDING**

\* Final Blessing

\* **Closing Hymn:**

**ELW # 244**

**OUR SERVICE MINISTERS**

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Heffernan

Musician: Rosemary Mohr/Stacey Tveit

Host: Bunker Family

Lector: Bunker Family

Deacon: Judy Swanson

Altar Care: Kathi Anderson

Offering Tellers: Rosemary Mohr & TBD

Attendance: Saturday: 9 Sunday: 79

Offering for November: Actual:           \$8,149.25  
  Budgeted:       \$9,679.17  
  Difference   (\$1,529.92)

**Sanctuary Candle:** Earthly/Heavenly Birthday wishes to Leone DeBoer (12/16) given by Scott & Dotty Hieb; In recognition of Colin Thompson's Baptism Day (12/19) given by Jeff & Stacey Tveit; Happy Anniversary to TJ & Rachelle Steckelberg (12/20) given by Scott & Dotty Hieb.

## **Announcements**

### **12/15 & 12/16/18**

**COMMUNITY CANTATA** – Today is the Cantata @ 4:00 p.m. at the UCC church. Several congregational members are in the program. Please join us!

**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. Hosts and a few extra readers are needed. Please let Pastor Lisa know if you can help!

**WELCA MISSION PROJECT** –In December we will be collecting 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** – Donations given for the Angel Tree need to be brought to the church by Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!

**DISHES:** Please pick up your dishes and pans from the church entry way. Thank you!

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion  
Wed, Dec 19: 5:30 p.m. Wowsome/Confirmation  
Wed, Dec 19: 7:00 p.m. Christmas program  
Sat, Dec 22: 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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