

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

Pastor Lisa Heffernan

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4th Sunday of Advent

12/23/18

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

Service of the Word



Gathering Music & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ELW #248, verses 1 - 4

*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 #257

***Greeting & Kyrie: page 138**

***Canticle of Praise: page 139**

***Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

WORD

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

***Gospel Acclamation: page 142**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55**

We are presented with Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lift up and fulfills all things.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

⁴⁶ And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day:**

ELW #723

*Apostles' Creed: page 217

*Prayers: Congregation responds, "Your mercy is great"

***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 #267

OUR SERVICE MINISTERS

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Heffernan
Musician: Rosemary Mohr/Stacey Tveit
Host: Jean & Dwain Blackwell
Lector: Alice Bunker
Deacon: Judy Swanson
Altar Care: Aryls Abernathy

Offering Tellers: Rosemary Mohr & TBD
Attendance: Saturday: 11 Sunday: 65

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

Sanctuary Candle: Happy Birthday to Stephanie Feltman (12/27) given by Dick & Paula Feltman; Happy Birthday to Katherine Feltman (12/29) given by Dick & Paula Feltman.



Joyeux

Noël

Announcements
12/22 & 12/23/18

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE – Our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service with holy communion will be at 5:30 p.m.

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE – There will be **NO Saturday evening worship service** on December 29th.

CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committee reports for the annual meeting are due to Rosemary by January 13.

ANNUAL MEETING – The annual meeting will be held on January 27th following the worship service. A potluck sponsored by the deacons will follow the meeting.

THIS WEEK—Pastor Lisa will be on vacation from Christmas day- January 1st. If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Arlyn Rusche at 895-2670.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Mon, Dec 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service w/Communion

Sat, Dec 29: NO WORSHIP SERVICE

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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