

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 28

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, November 29

Fitness - Functional Movement, 9 a.m.
Fitness - Yoga, 10 a.m.
Rejoice Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Nominating Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

Fitness - Yoga, 9 a.m.
Stroller Strides, 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Fitness - Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
TLC Quilters, 10 a.m.
LWR Quilters, 10 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Training Class, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

Fitness - Functional Movement, 9 a.m.
Fitness - Yoga, 10 a.m.
Heartside Gleaners Food Packing, 1 p.m.
Art Class, 5 p.m.
Advent Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Advent Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
Stroller Strides, 7 p.m.
125th Anniversary Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2

Fitness - Yoga, 9 a.m.
Fitness - Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Art Class, 5 p.m.
Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 3

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 4

Art Makers Sale, 9 a.m.
Music Rehearsal, 9 a.m.
Cookie Decorating and Delivery, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 5

125th Anniversary Celebration
Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.
125th Anniversary Brunch, 8:30 a.m. (until 1 p.m.)
Rejoice Worship, 9:15 a.m.
High School Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Celebration of Music 125th Anniversary Concert
featuring Vivaldi's Gloria in D, 3 p.m.



Flowers for Sunday, November 28

Today's Rejoice worship flowers are given by the Genow family in loving memory of, and in thanksgiving for, our daughter, Meg.

Assisting in Worship this morning

8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Carrie Wygmans
Lector: Kathy Wilcox
Communion Assistants: Kathy Wilcox
Carrie Wygmans

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice Band: Beyond Belief
Sacristan: Carrie Wygmans
Lector: Lisa Mead
Communion Assistants: Lisa Mead
Kris Baker

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Melissa Haneline
Sacristan: Jan Jacobson and Nancy Mattson
Lector: Jim Coates
Communion Assistants: Jim Coates
Laura Norton

Bread Baker: Jan Jacobson

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members John and Jane Ashby and family, George Bauer, Cori and Dave Beckett and family, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse, Kim Brock and family, Pat Bruin, Steve Cairns, Judy Carlson and family, Mike Danielski, Leo and Melody Ditchcreek and family, Kim and Chris Engle and family, Beth and Gordy Engstrom, Elias Frezghi, Mary and Jack Frick and family, Marge Greiner and family, Elena Griewahn, Mark Hahn, John Hall, Denny Helzer and family, Jerry Hendricks, Sarah and David Huckstep and family, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Dave Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Terry and Susan Knoll and family, Roy Lamprich, Allison Landon and family, Greg Law, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Pastor Bob and Rebecca Linstrom and family, Tess and Tim Lundgren and family, Dan and Yvonne Lynn and family, Judy Mallen, Roger Marks, Sheri Mason and her children Ethan and Alexis, Mark and Rebecca Mattison and family, Carolyn McCready, Jill McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia, Michael Mulligan, Jo Murphy, Marjorie Paul, Dan Pollert, Jacqueline Riegling, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Lee and Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Joan Sellman, Michael Smith, Shirley Tedford, Jim and Beth Vanderwall and family, Gale and Dale Volkerding and family, Sue Wait, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Robert Williams, Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, Kathy Young, Phillip Youngman and family, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastors Ken Johnson and Jacob Lehman of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 21:25-36

239 Hark, the Glad Sound!
249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

NOVEMBER 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



Abound in love for one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Jeremiah 33:14-16	The Lord's wonderful promise
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Paul's words of thanks
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	The essence of the law
Friday	Romans 13:8-10	Love for one another
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for help
Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming again, give us faith and good courage to resist evil and to be at peace with all people. In your name we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Give us strength through this meal that we may show gratitude for all you have created and love towards one another. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God make you increase and abound in love for one another. (1 Thessalonians 3:12)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

The King Shall Come



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think of something that has been challenging for you. What makes it a challenge?
- Advent begins with a focus on Christ's second coming. Why is this important?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

1 Thessalonians is likely the oldest New Testament writing we have. It ends with Paul addressing the church's concern about Christ's second coming (see 4:13-5:11), very fitting for the first week of Advent. Living in Thessalonica was a challenge. It was a Roman capital, filled with Roman powers and a religious setting very different from the Christian faith. It led to the persecution and suffering of Christians living there. Paul connects their lives of holiness and innocence to the power of Christ's return. All of this encourages a life "set apart"—that's what holiness means. Living with those who wish you harm and with other gods to worship, is truly a challenge, one that needs the power of Christ and his return to sustain us daily.

Discuss: What are the challenges you face as a person of the Christian faith?

Pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, give us faith as we await your coming, that we may love all people as you love us now and always. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, is there something you can do to show God's abounding love to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This is the First Sunday in Advent. Make or purchase a round Advent wreath to represent God's unending love. Place three blue (or purple) candles and one pink candle on it. Place a white one in the center. Decorate with greens to symbolize eternal life. Light one blue/purple candle. **Say: We light the first candle, the Prophet's candle, reminding us of the prophets who waited for the coming of Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come, and fulfill the promise.**

Pray: **Dear God, give us faith to trust your word, love to care for others, and hope in your promise to return and make all things new through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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