Trinity Lutheran Church



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD



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8:30 a.m. Matins

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The First Sunday in Advent November 30, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Matins

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision: Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.



AS WE GATHER TODAY

Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. In order to enjoy the fruits of His redeeming work, we must be able to answer "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10). This question of the crowd also becomes a question for us as we enter into Advent and a new Church Year. We marvel at this man, also true God, who is born among us in flesh and blood, who suffers and dies to win salvation for us, and who will come in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation and bliss.

MATINS

ORGAN

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 341 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"



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INVOCATION

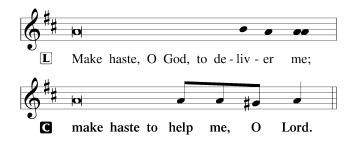
- In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



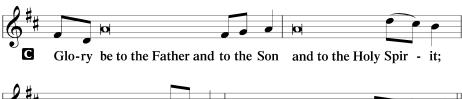


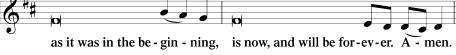
C and my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

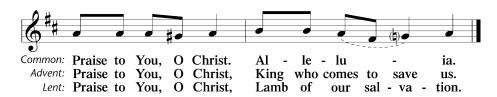
Psalm 51:15



Psalm 70:1







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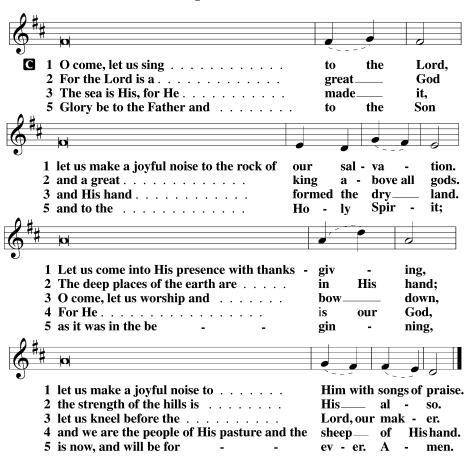
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VENITE ~ O Come, Let Us Sing

Psalm 95:1-7



PSALM Psalm 122

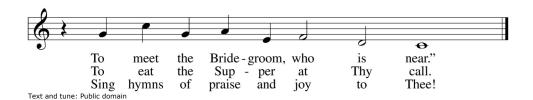
- ¹I was glad when they said to me,
- "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- P ²Our feet have been standing
- within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- P ³Jerusalem—built as a city
- c that is bound firmly together,
- ⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
- to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- There thrones for judgment were set,
- the thrones of the house of David.

- \mathbf{P} ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
- \mathbf{C} "May they be secure who love you!
- \mathbf{P} ⁷Peace be within your walls
- \mathbf{C} and security within your towers!"
- P ⁸For my brothers and companions' sake
- \mathbf{C} I will say, "Peace be within you!"
- ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, \mathbf{P}
- \mathbf{C} I will seek your good.
- ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"





READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob,

A O LORD, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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C Thanks be to God.

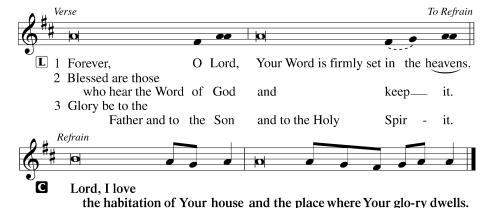
HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 24:36–44

³⁶[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- **A** O LORD, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28



Be Seated

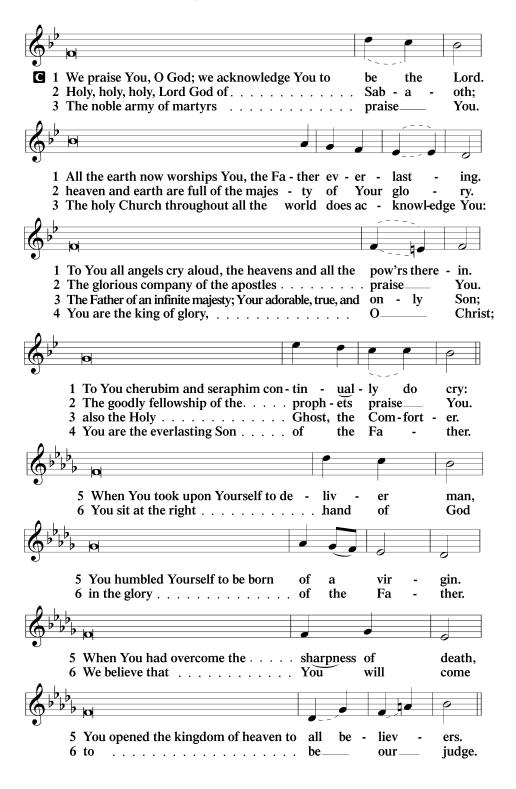
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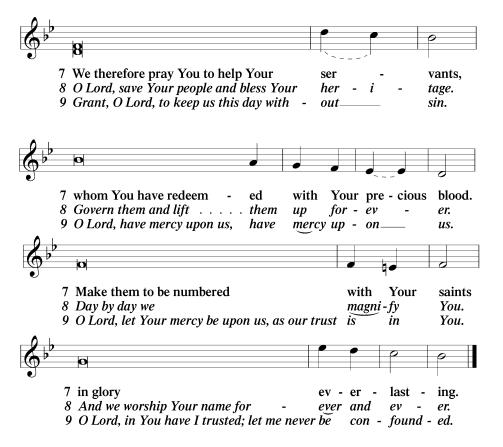
SERMON "The Most Important Epoch in the History of the World" Isaiah 2:2-5

CANTICLE

Please Stand

TE DEUM ~ We Praise You, O God





Be Seated

OFFERING (*Please fill out the blue card in the pew rack for prayers.*)

PRAYER

Kneel or Remain Seated

P Let us kneel for prayer.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ and the love of (†) God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



CLOSING HYMN 515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



Be Seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS

ORGAN

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service for coffee and breakfast goodies.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Webb leads a Bible study titled "Are You a Disciple or a Christian?" in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service.

CHURCH YEAR CONNECTIONS

(Ages 2 through High School)

Join us for Sunday School classes for ages three through young adult. Teachers: Megan Haverland (2 years-1st Grade), Judy Bringman (2nd-4th Grade), Bob Hanovich (Middle School), and Karl Schumacher (5th Grade & High School).

YOUNG ADULT SINGLES CLASS

For ages 18-28, this class, led by Jason Lomax, is studying Apologetics.

21ST CENTURY PARENTING CLASS

Parents of school-aged kids gain insight into the issues facing Gen Z and learn how to engage them in meaningful conversations. Eric and Megan Thompson lead this class in the Education Building.

YOUNG AT HEART CLASS

Mature members study how we can demonstrate love and compassion to people in need. Bob Reynolds and Mark Waltz lead this class on the ground floor of the Education Building.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Education Building to study the Word.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study that meets on Mondays is taking a Holiday Break starting November 3, and will resume January 5. Have a blessed Holiday!

HAPPENING AT TRINITY

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Advent Worship: December 3, 10, & 17 at 1:00 & 7:00

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm & 7:00pm (Communion)

Christmas Day: 10:00am (Communion)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Barbara Lunick for playing the organ for us.

OFFERINGS

Please remain faithful in bringing your offerings to the Lord by mail or online if you are unable to attend worship in person.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITES

LWML MITES will be collected next Sunday.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP

December 3, 10, & 17 at 1:00 & 7:00

Join us for Advent worship on Wednesdays this month as we prepare for Jesus' coming. The services are offered at 1:00 and 7:00.

TLC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 13 at 2:00-4:00

Social Ministry and Sunday School are teaming up to provide our annual TLC Christmas Party. Join us on Saturday, December 13th from 2-4 p.m. in the Social Hall for an afternoon of Christmas songs, our favorite cookies, and a gift exchange. Bring a gift to exchange (no more than \$15) and your FAVORITE cookies to share. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

LWML LADIES' GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 14 after the 11:00 service

December 14 at the home of Sherry Kreger following late service. Bring a gift to exchange (\$20) and a side dish of your choice. This is a fun relaxing afternoon. Sign up in the Narthex. Come join us. Jackie Deemer, LWML President

POINSETTIAS

There is a sign-up sheet and order forms for poinsettias for the church altar for Christmas on the table in the Narthex. The Altar Guild had to place our order by Oct 31. There are 20 regular 6" potted plants and 10 larger 8" pots available for purchase. Please sign the sheet and then fill out the order form and put it with payment in the provided envelope and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

2026 FLOWER CHART

The 2026 Flower Chart is now posted in the Social Hall for your selection of donating altar flowers. Remember to return the floral container per Ramelle's request and place it in the basket by the Sacristy door.

HELP A SCAD STUDENT GET TO CHURCH

A new SCAD student, living in the dorms, has reached out to Trinity in need of a ride to the 11:00 church service, and is happy to attend Sunday School, too. He would be thankful even if you can only get him here once a month, preferably for an 11:00 communion service. Contact Pastor Webb if you might be able to help.

TSHIRTS

The Youth are selling t-shirts to raise funds for the LCMS Youth Gathering. The t-shirts have a small cross encircled by the phrase, "I am a beloved child of the heavenly King" on the front left and a Bible verse on the back of the t-shirt. The t-shirts will be sold for \$20 each and \$6.10 will be added to the Youth Ministry Designated Funds for each t-shirt sold. T-shirts are available for viewing and purchase in the Social Hall after Divine Service. Please contact Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, for additional information. LET'S GO!

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

The *Every One His Witness* video series and self-study guide are available on the Friends of Trinity Facebook page. The video series is posted under Media, then Albums, then *Every One His Witness*. The self-study guide is posted under Files, then E1HW – Self Study Guide – 2021-05-26.

What is *Every One His Witness?* Every One His Witness is a Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you to witness to your friends, coworkers, and any other non-churched people you may know. Using the LASSIE approach to witnessing (listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage), you will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ through relational, contextual witnessing.

What does this mean? It means listening to those who are unsure about Christianity. It means asking questions that aren't accusatory. It means sharing the Good News about Jesus. Notice how there's no bashing, no judgment, and no forced imposition of beliefs. Instead, there's understanding, communication, and honesty between friends. And *Every One His Witness* teaches you how. Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, is the POC for additional information on *Every One His Witness*. LET'S GO!

CHECK THE CALENDAR

Curious what's going on? Planning an event? Check the Trinity calendar on our website anytime (www.trinitylutheransavannah.com/connect/calendar.cfm). If you need to schedule an event, please contact Traci in the office (trinityoffice@bellsouth.net, 912-925-4839). Thanks!

CONNECT WITH US

Connect with TLC and keep up with what's going on.

- *Website www.trinitylutheransavannah.com
- *Facebook Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church; Trinity Lutheran Church of Savannah Media; Lizzie Comfort Dog
- *Instagram #lcck9lizzie (Lizzie Comfort Dog)
- *YouTube Trinity Lutheran Savannah

DEADLINE for BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Wednesday by 9:00am

Email bulletin announcements to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net prior to 9:00am on Wednesdays.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – 62 11:00 a.m. – 51 Facebook – 121 YouTube – 5

Giving \$3,517.91

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

JB Strange, Greeter

Doug & Shirley Masini, Ushers

Rosemary Gerdes, Greeter

Rosemary Gerdes & Gretchen Holmes, Ushers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Phil Boyd-Robertson, Reader
Bob & Cindy Reynolds, Greeters
Charles Cobb & Karl Schumacher, Ushers

Phil Boyd-Robertson, Reader
Kip & Delane Wiltse, Greeters
John Anander & Bob Sautter, Ushers

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY		Traditional Worship Services	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
MONDAY	12/1	Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
		Board of Elders	6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	12/2	W F Garden Club (Education Building)	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m.
		Clothes Closet	4:00-6:00 p.m.
		Cub Scouts (Social Hall)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	12/3	Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
		LWML Lunch & Meeting (Education Building)	11:00 a.m.
		Advent Worship	1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	12/4	Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m1:00 p.m.
		Hoover Creek HOA (Social Hall)	3:00-8:00 p.m.
		NAMI (Education Building)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	12/5	Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	12/6	Lewis Memorial Service	11:00 a.m.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(Names remain on the prayer list up to a month unless requests are renewed.)

CANCER

Peggy Garte; Wendy Holland; Harold LaMarr; Paul Mamalakis; Samuel Martin; Dawn Sarkissian

SPECIAL REQUEST Family & friends of Shirley Lewis

STRENGTH, GUIDANCE, FAITH, & PROVISION Jackie & her daughter; Everyone impacted by natural disasters

PEACE

Israel, Ukraine, & all who suffer from war and violence

OUR WITNESS
Let us proclaim Jesus Christ is risen to all!

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STAFF

Jeff Webb, Pastor Traci Schumacher, Administrative Assistant Helen Williams, Church Custodian

BOARD OF ELDERS

Bob Reynolds, Head Elder (at large)
Sonny Massey (A – B)
Mark Waltz (C – E)
Todd Freesemann (F – J)
Dean Torek (K – Mc)
JB Strange (Me – Sa)
Tom Wayman (Sc – Z)

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