

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

### WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping with us this morning. We are glad you are here and pray that Jesus will touch your heart in some special way for being here. Please fill out a visitor's card that you will find on the pad in your pew and place it in the offering plate during the service or hand it to one of the ushers, so we can thank you for joining us this week. If we can be of service to you, please let us know.

### OFFERINGS AND TITHES

*Offerings* are our special gifts given to the Lord on special days or occasions or whenever we are moved to do so, for any reason. *Tithes* are those monetary gifts we return to the Lord on a regular basis as first fruits because He asks us to do so, and to meet our spiritual need to give back to the One who has first given to us. If you are a visitor today, feel free to give an offering to the Lord, but do not feel you need to do so. The members of Trinity support the work of the Lord here by giving back to the Lord a portion of what He gives us. We pray that the Lord will continue to lead you to give your offerings and tithes to your home congregation.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In order to be able to prepare for worship, we ask that everyone in the church nave would quietly find his or her seat a few minutes before the service is to begin. You might take this time to reflect on the blessings you will be receiving and pray this short prayer before the service begins.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for coming to us in the person of Your Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins. Enable us gracious Father, by the indwelling power of Your Holy Spirit, to keep our focus firmly on Jesus so that He will be the center of our lives and faith always—even unto everlasting life. In the name of Jesus. Amen!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Everyone who has a special prayer request is invited to give those requests to Pastor Moeller. If you don't have a chance to do so before the service, write it down on one of the pads from the front of your pew and hand it to one of the ushers with the offering. Pastor will include those requests in our prayers for the day and/or the prayer chain.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 6, 2009:

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:2-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-20

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am

**MONDAY ~** Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am  
Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

**TUESDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am  
Lutheran Confessions reading group ~ 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
Catechism Class ~ 5:30 pm  
Choir ~ 5:30 pm  
Advent Supper ~ 6:00-7:00 pm  
Midweek Advent Worship ~ 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
TLC Bible study ~ 1:30 pm

**FRIDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am

Sun., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Children's Christmas program ~ 4:00 pm

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

**Cleaners:** George & Donna Vogt, Jean Gregersen, Amber Connolly, Melvin Matthies

**Greeters:** George & Donna Vogt

**Head Usher:** Thad Johnson

**Head Elder:** Ben Matthies

**Acolyte:** Abby Totton

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

**Cleaners:** Joe & Mary Krizan, Candace Nelson, Marilyn Matthies, Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt

**Greeters:** Joe & Mary Krizan

**Head Usher:** Kylee Thompson

**Head Elder:** Louis Thompson

**Acolyte:** Lindsey Eggebraaten

### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

**Worship Attendance:** 5      **Communion:** 2

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<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	102	<b>Sunday School:</b>	9
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 1,455.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 48.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	260.00	<b>Missions:</b>	80.00
<b>Sunday School:</b>	8.50	<b>Communion:</b>	74

**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

On this last Sunday of the fall quarter, Sunday School students study “Esther.” In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. *Consider discussing, “How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?”*

**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS**

St. Luke, in his introduction to the Book of Acts writes: “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus **began** to do and to teach until the day that He was taken up to heaven.” This sets the stage for Luke’s second book, Acts, which details how Jesus was with His church as they continued to share His Gospel with the world.

The Book of Acts records the events that testify to the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the church to gather, equip, and enliven its members so that all people might receive God’s gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Please join our Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we explore this fascinating book.

**MAIN STREET LIVING**

Main Street Living’s mission is to produce a quality Christian program, which brings the message of Jesus Christ to homebound individuals. It is supported entirely by the churches of the area and its viewers. Please continue to remember this mission in your prayers and in your giving.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC. *Kid’s Crossing* airs at 10:00 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. You may also watch this program at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Imagine being one of the first to witness the birth of Christ. Witness this event with “The Stableboy’s Christmas.”

The featured speaker is Rev. Jerry Troester from Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD. The sermon theme is “Are You Prepared?”

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13: Paul’s prayer for the Thessalonians was that God would make their love increase and overflow for each other. We show our love not just with words, but with actions. Showing love is a great way of demonstrating our faith in Jesus. Showing love is stewardship in its finest sense.

**MORNING PRAYER**

Looking for a great way to jumpstart your daily devotions? Each weekday morning at 7:30 a.m., we will be praying the service of Morning Prayer from *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. Anyone is invited to join us whenever your schedule permits.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**



Life-long commitment. Man and woman. Children. Society. So many opinions. What do *you* believe?

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with

different doctrines, some cannot clearly state their faith. Based on God’s Word, as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you to state clearly what you believe. In addition, we will be including a discussion on “same-sex marriage.”

High school students and adults may join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON HEBREWS**



The Book of Hebrews is one of the most profound books of the New Testament. If you are looking for solid food instead of baby food, you’ll enjoy the study of this book. This first-century letter is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life in this century. But above all, it points us to the Fulfillment of Faith—Jesus Christ—the one who saves us and empowers

us to live the new life!

All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and studying this fascinating book of the Bible.

**CLEANING LIST UPDATED**

You may have noticed that the latest schedule for cleaning the church has changed. Instead of two families per week, there are usually three. The cleaning duties for the church sanctuary, basement, and fellowship hall have been updated as well. When it is your turn to clean, please speak with the other families on the list to determine who will do what area. You may find the list of cleaning duties on the bulletin boards in the church nave and fellowship hall.

As with other types of service at the church, cleaning the church is done on a voluntary basis. Everyone is given the opportunity to help. If you have not been included and would like to help please contact the church office. If circumstances have changed (such as health or work schedule) and you are not able to help, please contact the church office.

If you wish to hire someone to clean, Tammie Eggebraaten is available. You can call her at 940-9028. If anyone else would be interested in cleaning, please contact the church office.

**Divine Service**

Hymn of Invocation ..... #58  
“O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee”  
The Order of Morning Service..... p. 5-6  
The Introit .....

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
**C: O my God, in you I trust;**  
P: let me not be put to shame;  
**C: let not my enemies exult over me.**  
P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
**C: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**  
P: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
**C: teach me your paths.**  
P: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
**C: for you I wait all the day long.**  
P: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
**C: for they have been from of old.**  
P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**C: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**  
P: Good and upright is the Lord;  
**C: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**  
P: He leads the humble in what is right,  
**C: and teaches the humble his way.**  
P: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
**C: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie ..... p.6-9  
The Readings..... Back of bulletin  
The Apostles Creed ..... p. 12  
The Sermon Hymn..... #69  
“Arise, Sons of the Kingdom”  
Sermon .....  
The Offertory..... p.12  
The Offering .....  
Prayers.....  
The Hymn..... #73  
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”  
The Collect, Benediction ..... p.14  
The Closing Hymn..... #95  
“Savior of the Nations, Come”

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

We extend the Sacrament of Baptism to all who have not been baptized—infants, children, youth, and adults. We invite those adults who are looking for a church home to come to one of our New Member Orientation classes. A new class will begin soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Moeller as soon as possible.

Upon completion of this class you may join Trinity Lutheran Church in one of the following ways:

- The Rite of Confirmation for those who have never been confirmed in the Lutheran Church.
- A Letter of Transfer is gladly accepted if you wish to transfer your membership from another Lutheran congregation.
- Reaffirmation of faith is for those who have been confirmed in a Lutheran church but have not been active in their former church.

### FIT FOR LIFE



Why is the world so messed up? Why does God let bad things happen to good people? If we all use the same Bible why are there so many different denominations? Does God still speak to us today? Is His Word reliable?

Is it relevant for today?

If these are questions that you have asked, please plan to attend “Fit For Life in Christ,” an exciting course in Christian growth that presents the Word of God in new and meaningful ways. It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or for anyone who wants to know more about our Savior Jesus Christ.

**We are beginning a new class in December.** If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

### A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS

Delve deeper into each week’s three Scripture readings with *A Longer Look at the Lessons*. This Bible study based on the lectionary in *Lutheran Service Book* provides information about each week’s readings and their contexts. Questions and answers mine the riches of the weekly lessons while providing an opportunity for thought and personal application.

### LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Christmas is also for the unborn. The Savior has come also for the children yet living in their mothers’ wombs. The Gospel message is addressed also to our youngest brothers and sisters. In fact, we can say it is addressed especially to them, because they are the most helpless.”

*Father Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life*

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

### LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS READING GROUP

The Lutheran Confessions, taken from the Book of Concord are 10 special statements of faith that we use as a basis of what we believe. Far more than mere historical documents, they are still a definitive statement of what it means to be Christian and Lutheran. Since we believe that the Lutheran Confessions are drawn from, reflect Holy Scripture, and are a summary of the Gospel, they are the standard by which all teaching and practice in our churches must be judged. Our Lutheran Confessions Reading Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. In this class, we read from the Bible and *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. Class members have the opportunity to learn more about our sacred faith and grow in knowledge and faith in God’s Holy Word. Everybody is invited to join us!

### OUTREACH SENTENCES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent ~ Luke 19:28-40: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of Lord” was the greeting of those who welcomed Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. As we begin this preparation season of Advent we join in their greeting and welcome our Lord who came in flesh to be our Savior and who will come again to take us to heaven. What a message of hope we have to share with others!

### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

With the historic Church, we maintain the practice of offering Individual Confession & Absolution. In each month’s newsletter, times when Pastor will be in his office to hear your confession and give you God’s absolution (most of the time at 8:30 a.m. on the Sundays when Holy Communion is celebrated). Otherwise you may make an appointment. You may look at the rite of Individual Absolution in *Luther’s Small Catechism* in preparation.

### TLC BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. we meet to study the Bible passages for upcoming Sunday School, preschool, and daycare lessons. Everyone is invited to join us! If you would like to attend, but would prefer a different time or day, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

### MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES



“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel,” has been the plea of God’s children throughout the ages. Emmanuel, which means “God with us” is one of the names given to the Messiah through the prophets of the Old Testament and repeated by the angel as he spoke to Joseph as recorded in the New Testament.

“Emmanuel, God with Us!” will be our theme throughout our midweek Advent services, children’s Christmas program, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Each week we will the seven different names for our Savior, Jesus. We sing of these names—names found in the Old and New Testaments of Holy Scripture—

in each stanza of the hymn “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel.” The voices of prophets, evangelists, and disciples help us to understand their meaning. Each name is revealed in the singing of hymns, unveiling of symbols, recitation of prayer, and proclamation of God’s Word.

Please join us for worship each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., starting December 2<sup>nd</sup>. For your convenience we will be having meals served each week from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family!

### GROWING IN WORSHIP CHILDREN’S BULLETINS

Trinity Learning Center is providing a children’s bulletin called *Growing in Worship*. Children and their parents will find this to be a wonderful resource for understanding the depth and wonder of God’s Word as it is presented in each worship service. Please feel free to take one from the greeter stand.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we heard about God saving Daniel from the lion’s den. When Daniel continued to pray to the one true God, he was thrown into a den of hungry lions. But the Lord shut the mouths of the lions and Daniel was released unharmed. Jesus has defeated Satan, the roaring lion who prowls about seeking to devour us, so that we might have eternal life. Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday & Tuesday. Everyone is invited.