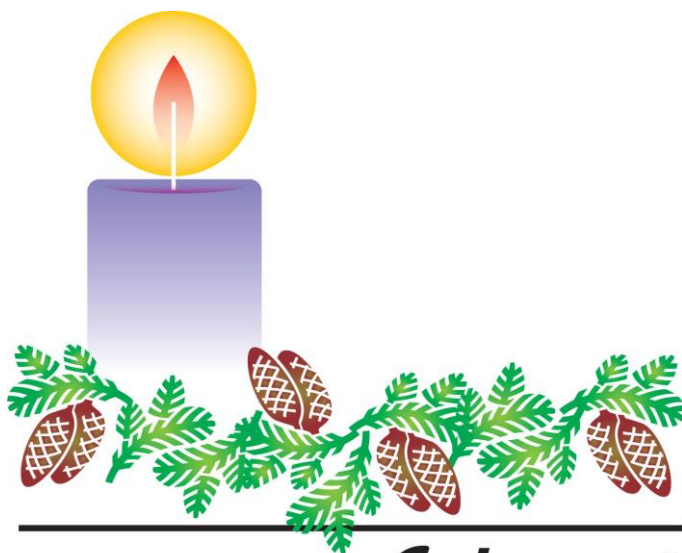


Trinity Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Caring Christ with all People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

November 29, 2015

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage
and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one
who loves you most – Jesus Christ!

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Dave Strohschein
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Soundboard	8:00am		
		10:30am	Paul Benson
Lector	8:00am		Tim Meemken
		10:30am	Christine Miller
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Nate Lindquist, Haley Evenson
		10:30am	Sadie Bartels, Amber Kutzorik
Altar Guild			Nancy Cloeter, Evora Sorokie
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 1	Barb Mingo
	10:30am	Zone - 2	Craig Cooper
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 1	Tom Skuza, Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
	10:30am	Zone - 2	Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 1	Mark Helgeson, Jim Gerchy, Dick Mingo, Norm Greenwaldt, Bob Koroll, Dan Reberg, Russ Riehm
	10:30am	Zone - 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & Carol Truenow

The First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2015

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER Have you counted your blessings recently? Chances are, you have. With our Thanksgiving celebrations now behind us (and the Christmas shopping list before us!) we need daily reminders to keep counting our blessings. Every day, in every season, God's provision for our every need stands right before us. With ungrateful spirits, our sinfulness blocks us from seeing all that our gracious Savior gives. Today, we are reminded how Jesus Christ has removed our transgressions so that we can receive His salvation, full and free, and be taught and guided in His way, not our own. His way is one of thankfulness and love. Let's walk this way together!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: 8:00am: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515
10:30am: "You are Holy (Prince of Peace)" (*see video screens*)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: Father, we confess to You the brokenness of our hearts. They are by nature sinful. They are filled with things displeasing to You.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

C: Father, remove our ungratefulness, our bitterness, and all of our transgressions. Cleanse us from our sin, and wash us again in the cleansing blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

C: Father, in Your goodness and mercy, restore us as Your children. Guide us with Your hand that we may walk in thankfulness for Your never-failing love. Amen.

P: Our heavenly Father, for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, hears and answers our pleas for His forgiving grace. Cleansed and renewed in body and soul, we can be thankful for His forgiving love—a love that never fails! Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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.



P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

8:00am "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341 (vs. 1-4)

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray ... Almighty Father, You provide for our every need of body and soul. Fix our eyes upon Your Son and our Redeemer as He comes to reconcile us to You. Fill us with thankfulness and praise so that we may overflow with Your love in our relationships with one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16

"The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.'" In those days

and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: 8:00am: "Christ is Surely Coming" LSB 509

10:30am: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" (*see video screens*)

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will

pass away, but my words will never pass away. "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What
We Believe*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

8:00am: "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332 (*vs. 7 Organ alone*)

10:30am: "Jesus Messiah" (*see video screens*)

SERMON: "Clothed With Jesus" (Jeremiah 33:16)

OFFERING (*Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 8:00am: “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” LSB 350
10:30am: “Everlasting God” (*see video screens*)

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR November 29, 2015

First Sunday in Advent

TODAY Worship Z1 8:00am
 Bible Study 9:15am
 Youth Study & SS 9:15am
 New Member Class 9:15am
 Worship Z2 10:30am
 Anyuak Worship 12:00pm

MONDAY Parish Workers Newsletter 9:30am
 Narcotics Anonymous 6:45pm

TUESDAY NO Bible Class
 Friends in Harmony 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am
 Finance team Meeting 8:30am
 God's Grub 5:00pm
 Advent Worship 6:00pm Z3
 Confirmation Classes 6:45pm
 Youth Night 6:45pm

THURSDAY Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am
 11am MSYG Red Kettle @ Coborn's
 Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm

IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK Second Sunday in Advent

8:00am Worship Z1
 9:15am Voter's Meeting
 9:15am Youth Study & SS
 10:30am Worship Z2
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

Scripture Lessons:
*Malachi 3:1-7b; Philippians 1:2-11
 Luke 3:1-14*

Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.
Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
11/22/15	8:00am	132	General Fund Offerings	\$7,874.72
11/22/15	10:30am	156	Building Debt Offerings	\$392.00
	TOTAL	288	Total	\$8,266.72
<u>Missions</u>				
Missions this Week		\$181.00	<i>Weekly Budget Needs</i>	\$11,371.00
Received to-date		\$25,529.27		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		

Sharing the Caring Christ with All People Luke 19:28-40: "Blessed is the King that comes in the name of the Lord!" The Pharisees tried to silence those shouts of great joy. Jesus responds to the Pharisees, saying, "If these were silent, the very stones would cry out." **May we never let the rebukes of this world lead us into silence, but rather may the Holy Spirit equip us and give us the opportunity to cry out with the Good News that Jesus Christ comes to save us.**

REMEMBER: Advent Worship Begins this Wednesday at 6:00pm!!

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in celebration for Lorraine Mendel's birthday by Bonnie, Tim, Amanda and Katie Meemken. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. We have sponsorship openings in January and February. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.



Flowers in the Chancel today are given by Gayleen Dierkes in memory of her father, Ervin Dierks, who would have been 100 on Tuesday, December 1st. We are blessed by the memory of those who have gone to be with our Savior.



Sunday Morning Fellowship We need a server for December. Please call Sue Bragelman if you would like to volunteer to serve. Treats are brought in, so all you have to do is set up the serving cart. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "W & Z" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Our Stewardship focus We are still receiving Faith Promise pledge sheets. If you have not returned your pledge sheet, the Pledge box is still in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Voters Assembly Meeting: There will be a Voter's Assembly Meeting next Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meeting Items will include: Approving the 2016 Budget and Election of Leadership Officers for the 2016-2018 term. A copy of the proposed budget can be found in the Church Office if you would like to review it. Also, if you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Leadership Team, please submit the name/position to the Church Office. Blessings,
The Leadership Team

God's Grub: Hot Dogs

Five Ways ChristCare Groups are a Blessing



ChristCare Groups...

- invite and challenge each of us to become more actively involved with our Lord and with one another.
- provide a sense of Christian community for people in and around our congregation.
- provide a place where each member of our congregation fits in and feels comfortable.
- keep our members involved and active in the church and cut down on back-door losses.
- can be an ideal starting point for many people who don't have a church home.

We have 6 ChristCare Groups here at Trinity. If you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295 or Craig Cooper, 237-5507.

Today is the deadline. It's Turkey Time!!! Remember to bring in your turkey stamps (we need the whole receipt) and cards, even if they are only partially filled. We will use this resource to supplement our food shelf during the holidays. *Thank you so much for your help!*



National Youth Gathering Meeting Any youth interested in attending next summer's annual Youth Gathering in New Orleans need to sign up by December 2nd! Any questions please contact Brett & Leah Anderson (320-828-4238) or Terry Kurash (320-267-9050).

MSYG Events DECEMBER 5th Red Kettle Bell Ringing at Sauk Rapids Coborns 11am-1pm. We are in need of adults and youth for this event.



LCEF Update We are 4 investors away from meeting our next tier! Thank you to all of those who have been participating in this great opportunity. If you haven't opened up an account yet or want to open up another one, there is a new investment that offers 3.5% for 35 months. If you're interested or have any questions please stop by the table in the narthex or contact Lori Wendt at 320-420-4368.

Thank you to all who purchased crafts and baked goods in October and November from the Sewing Guild. We will be making donations to Social Ministry, Prince of Peace School, Trinity Youth Groups, Christmas Stocking Project and Radio Ministry.



Christmas Stocking Project It is a little over one month away when we fill the Christmas stockings for my Christmas Stockings for Kids mission. Again, I am asking if you would be willing and able to donate items for them. Each stocking is approximately 16-17". Items we fill them with are: candy, gum, school supplies, socks, small toys, books(non-violent), combs, brushes, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, lotions, lip balm, crayons & coloring books, books, winter hats, gloves, scarves, basically anything you can think of that a child in need could use. We also fill stockings for the women in the shelters with the children. Again, books, socks, hat, gloves, makeup, soaps, shampoos, small craft kits. If you have any used backpacks, we fill these for the street people. The biggest need is socks. If you are able to donate even one small thing, we praise God for you! Thank You. Kathy Schlueter

Angel Tree The time of the year has come again where we at Trinity are given the opportunity to reach out to help others in need through the prison fellowship's program, Angel Tree. This program allows us to reach out and help children at Christmas time who may have one more parents incarcerated. With your help these children are able to receive Christmas gifts, purchased by you, Trinity members. Simply choose an Angel Tree tag from the tree, sign it out with the coordinator, shop and purchase the requested gift item on the tag (\$20-\$25) and return the wrapped gift under the tree. Gifts will then be delivered by volunteers. Angel Tree tags will be available beginning Sunday, November 29th, following the 8am and 10:30am services in the Narthex. Wrapped gifts will be due back under the tree by December 13th. Monetary gifts are always welcome as well to help purchase larger items. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver gifts, or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Kranz at 320-290-3498. Thank you so much for your continued support of the program!



LEFSE Ya Sure! The Youth Group needs donations of white potatoes (40 pounds), white flour (2 pounds) and Butter (2 pounds) for their lefse making. The lefse will be for sale after worship in December. Please have your donations to the church kitchen, marked Youth, before Wednesday, December 2nd. **Thank you!**

2016 is Youth Gathering Year! So look out, here come the fund raisers! Pizza's will be on sale through January 13th, so pick up an order form today! This is a great solution to the Super Bowl food question!! The lefse is home made in the Trinity kitchen, it will be available in December. But they haven't forgotten to be of service in the kingdom, so they will be making fleece blankets and need donations of fleece in the youth room by December 9th. Thank you all for your generous support!

Volunteers Needed A husband who cares for his wife of 58 years who has memory loss is looking for a woman to visit and provide companionship to her once a week when he is away from home. Someone who could re-engage her in former hobbies that she once enjoyed and perhaps cook a meal would be greatly appreciated. St. Cloud couple need help with grocery shopping at Cash Wise East every two weeks. Should be someone who doesn't mind the smell of cigarette smoke. Wife and caregiver in SE St. Cloud is seeking an older male to spend time with her husband with memory loss when she is away from home. He is a retired professor from St. Cloud State and would enjoy conversing about the "good old days." Call Cherise at 320-290-3428.

Do you need a Christmas Gift Idea? How about signing up your children or grandchildren for the LCEF Young Investors Club? Trinity will match your initial investment to the account up to \$25. Fill out a form and bring it to the office today!

A Big Thanks! We extend a big "Thank you!" to Trinity and the MSYG for their wonderful support of the garden project at Trinity for our Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The first garden was built in spring and use to grow vegetables which were donated to the Salvation Army to help feed the hungry and homeless. The gate and second garden were built this fall. We look forward to working with the MSYG next year to teach gardening and feed the hungry! Jaden Evenson (Troop 141) & Haley Evenson (Troop 799).

Trinity Cook Book Sale: Trinity cookbooks are on sale for \$5 (formerly \$10). Check them out on the table in the narthex. *A Great Christmas gift!*

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service.

If you leave the service you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am - 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service. Please call Sue Morey (252-5610) with any questions regarding the nursery. **Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

