

Trinity Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Caring Christ with All People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23, 2014

8:00a.m. & 10:30a.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!

Preacher	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Harvey Ehlers
Liturgist	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Paul Cloeter
Musicians	8:00am &	10:30am	Kings Dixieland Ensemble
Sound & Graphics	8:00am		Mona Wigen & Neal Hanson
		10:30am	Andy Freihammer
Lector	8:00am		Jan Sorell
		10:30am:	Dawn Linkert
Acolyte	8:00am		Caleb Petersen, Meghan Lentz
		10:30am:	Jameson Weide, Brendan Schwartz
Altar Guild			Nancy Cloeter, Evora Sorokie
Information Desk	8:00am:	Zone - 2	Craig Cooper
	10:30am:	Zone - 3	Sue Kulzer
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 2	Diane Gooch
	10:30am:	Zone - 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & Carol Truenow
	10:30am:	Zone - 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Chuck Hoese, John Roesch

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AS WE GATHER The end of the church year comes with questions. Will this be the last year before our Lord returns in his glory? When will he come? What will it be like? The Kingly reign of Christ which we know now by faith, we shall know face-to-face when he brings all things to their appointed conclusion and delivers the Kingdom to the Father. That is enough to sustain us. That is enough to guard our hearts in the surpassing peace of His promise. Today, we come as God's people to anticipate the future that is already unfolding. Until then, we await the new heaven and the new earth with hope, confidence and joy.

PRESERVICE MUSIC: "The Jazz Me Blues"
"The Old Rugged Cross" (*by the Kings Dixieland Ensemble*)

(Stand)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: "Dixieland Opener" (*see video screens*)

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

C: by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

(Silence for meditation)

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

C: Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess to You that we have strayed like lost sheep and deserve nothing of Your kindness toward us. We have sought our own way and it has led us only to guilt and death. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray You to forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts and minds, and restore us as Your own children. Grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ alone, trust in His redeeming work, and live lives worthy of our baptismal calling as Your children. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

SONG: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *(see video screens)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when

did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

(Sit)

SERMON SONG: “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder” *(see video screens)*

SERMON: “**Christ the King – Savior and Judge**” **(Matthew 25:31-46)**

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew.)*

MUSICAL OFFERING: “Pennies From Heaven”
(sung by King’s Dixieland Ensemble)

(Stand)

PRAYERS

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.**

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10:30am continues here:



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

(Sit)

About Holy Communion—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "**What is the Lord's Supper?**" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"What a Friend" (*see video screens*)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: O God of glory, You have shown Yourself to be a God of love and compassion, forgiving the sins of Your people for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Bring us at last with Him to see Your glory face-to-face, when He comes as Lord and

Judge of all to usher in Your eternal kingdom which You prepared for us before the world was made. Give us eyes of faith to recognize His presence among us through His Word and in Christ's true body and blood, and to acknowledge Him when He comes again on that final and great day, to reunite heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

8:00am continues here:

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Peace Like a River" (*see video screens*)

SENDING:

Worship Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

POST SERVICE MUSIC: "When the Saints"

(sung by King's Dixieland Ensemble)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23, 2014

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week at Trinity</p> <p>TODAY Dixieland Worship Worship 8:00am Z2 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15am New Member Class 9:15am Youth Bible Study 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am Z3 (HC) Anyuak Worship 12:00noon Creative Crafts 4:00pm YABS 5:00pm</p> <p>MONDAY Parish workers 9:30am Men's Supper @ Jimmy's 6:00pm Bev's CC 6:00pm</p> <p>TUESDAY Bible Class 10:30am Sandwichers CC 6:30pm Friends in Harmony 7:00pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study 7:00am Parish workers 9:00am Thanksgiving Eve Worship Z4 6:00pm Pie Fest 7:00pm</p> <p>THURSDAY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Z5 9:00am Private Event 12:00noon</p>	<p>FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED Parish Workers 9:00am Wedding Rehearsal 4:00pm</p> <p>SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am Waletzko/Prososki Wedding 4:00pm Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Sunday in Advent 8:00am Worship Z1 (HC) 9:15am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15am New Member Class 9:15am Youth Bible Study 10:30am Worship Z2 12:00pm Anyuak Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture Lessons: <i>Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9</i> <i>Mark 13:24-37</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:30pm Open during the noon hour. <i>Church Office Phone 252-3670</i></p>
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Attendance and Offering Data			
11/16/14	8:00am	135	General Fund Offerings \$9,724.00
11/16/14	10:30am	165	General Fund Target \$9,903.00
	TOTAL	300	Building Debt Retirement -
			Building Debt Offerings \$655.00
Missions		-	Building Debt Target \$1,154.00
Missions this Week		\$197.00	
Received to-date		\$23,786.47	Total Weekly Offering \$10,379.00
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00	Total Weekly Target \$11,057.00

Faith Promise Sunday Last Sunday we observed our Faith Promise Sunday. You should have received a letter in the mail with information and pledge cards. If you did not receive this mailing and would like to have it, contact the church office (320-252-3670). There are extra pledge cards available in the back of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2015. *Thank you!*

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Pat Reberg and family in memory of Milton Reberg. 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.



ChristCare Small Group All of our ChristCare Groups at Trinity are involved in four activities. The first one is Community Building and Care.

ChristCare Group members build Christian community and care for one another. Warm relationships among group members help create a place to share joys, sorrows, and faith. Group members listen to and support one another. They carry one another's burdens and encourage one another to follow Jesus.

If you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295, Cooney.connie77@gmail.com or Craig Cooper, 237-5507, dco@trinitysr.org.



Christmas Stockings Mission Once again this year, I will be collecting small items for my Christmas stocking project. I would greatly appreciate any donation for filling or buying these items. Anything that would fit in a 17" stocking would be great! Small toys, hygiene projects, books (adult & child), school supplies, wrapped candy (no chocolate), toothbrushes, travel size (shampoo, soap, lotions, tissues, toothpaste, etc), gloves & hats, makeup, small stuffed animals, baby products & clothes are some ideas. Also, any new or gently used backpacks, which we fill and distribute for the homeless or our area. I appreciate all this congregation has done over the years. Please have your items to church by Nov. 21st. Blessings to you all! Kathy Schlueter

Salt and Pepper will be hosting an evening of Christmas Caroling at Good Shepherd Community on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. We invite all our members to join us in bringing festive joy to all the tenants. We will meet on Dec. 2nd at 4:45 pm at the Good Shepherd Chapel. If you need directions please call Jan Lembeck at 320-259-9562.

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!*





Sunday Morning Fellowship Our hosts for November are Gail Reginek and Carol Wendt. Members who have last names beginning with the letters “T, U, & V” are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Fleece Blankets As a part of our Pay it Forward month in December, the High School Youth will be making and donating fleece blankets to children in need. We are looking for donations of fleece and scissors! Donations can be brought to the church office and labeled for the youth group. Two pieces of 1 ½ yards of fleece are needed for each blanket. Patterns geared toward younger audiences or solid colors would be greatly appreciated. **High School Youth 100 Item Challenge** December is ‘Pay it Forward’ month. The youth are focused on giving this month to help those that are in need. They are collecting items for a challenge to donate at least 100 items per youth to a local charity. Please bring any gently used or new clothing items to the youth room at your earliest convenience. Deadline is Dec. 14th. Thank you for your support!

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Ends Dec. 7! There are several reasons to contact **Senior Linkage Line** for assistance with comparing Medicare prescription drug plans for 2015: New plans may be available, some existing plans may not be available, plan premiums may change, plan formularies may change, and you may qualify for extra help with prescription drug costs. Call 1-800-333-2433 for info.

God’s Grub this Week: Pizza

New Member Reception & Congregational Pot Luck Lunch We will receive new members at the 10:30am worship on Sunday, December 7th. Following the service (approximately noon) we will have our congregational pot-luck lunch. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Bring food as indicated according to the first letter of your last name; A-H Hotdish, I-R Salad, S-Z Dessert.

Christmas Is Coming Trinity Cookbooks make a great gift! Keep 2 on hand for your gift giving needs. All the proceeds go directly to Social Ministry! \$10 each or 2 for \$15.

The Pies Are Coming! If you purchased a pie from the youth fundraiser, it will be here at church on Monday, Nov. 24th. Please plan now to pick your pie up that night, or on Tuesday or Wednesday evening that week.

Christmas Poinsettia’s The Altar Guild is arranging for red poinsettias again this year. Order yours today! Each 6 ½” pot is \$9.95. The deadline is Today. Just place a check in the offering plate with ‘poinsettia’ in the memo. Contact Sue Kulzer with questions: 253-8074.



MSYG is collecting items to create gallon-sized Ziploc bag ‘kits’ for the homeless. They will contain supplies to last one person for a couple of days during waiting periods to get into shelters or church of the week programs. Please donate: crackers, peanut butter, canned meats with tabs, fruit cups, pudding, non-perishable milks and yogurts, meal replacement and energy bars, juices, plastic silverware, hand warmers. Please bring your items to the church narthex. Thank you.

Give A Box Ministry This is an evangelism outreach to people that we know and love who have left the church or don't know Jesus as their Savior. These are not for us to keep but to pay it forward and let the Holy Spirit work through the giving of the box and God's Word. It's putting all of our faith in God and praying for the people that will receive the box. After all, God's heart has always been for His lost sheep. He desires them to choose to turn to Him. The boxes are free and to get one you have to be in church the day they are delivered to the church. As we get close to knowing the day and if there are people that desire a box and know that they won't be in church that day they should let the office know and a box can be put aside for them. Watch for information on the date these boxes will be available.

Sign up today for the Christmas Cookie Exchange Information on the kiosk in the narthex. Just prepare 12 dozen of one kind of cookie, and go home with a great variety! Saturday, December 13th @ 9:00am. There will be a short devotion and lots of fun fellowship.



Angel Tree Can you believe Christmas is just around the corner? It's that time of year again where your help is needed to help others. It's angel Tree Time! Angel tree is a program of prison fellowship that focuses on transformation in the lives of children of prisoners. Please consider purchasing a gift for a child in need. Names will be available on Nov. 30th after both services in the narthex. Gifts will be due back on Dec. 14th. If you would like to help deliver gifts to the families in need. Please contact Jennifer Kranz at 320-290-3498 or sign up on Nov. 30th. Thank you so much for your help in making the Christmas of so many children a special one!

The Sunday School Program needs your help! We are in need of white craft feathers, beads of all sizes and colors, old bead necklaces that can be broken and restrung, green pipe cleaners, buttons and small paper plates. Thank you so much!

Trinity Members- There will be a Congregational Voter's Assembly Meeting on December 21, 2014, that will be held between the first and second service. The agenda items will include: 2015 budget, Pastoral-Call Committee Survey, Music Ministry changes, Verizon Bell Tower Update, and other items. This is a very IMPORTANT meeting, and the Leadership Team values your input and strongly urges you to attend. Blessings, the Leadership Team

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.