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Sunday School/Bible Study: 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Rev. Jordan J. McKinley, Pastor

Mission Statement:

As a family of God, nourished by Word and Sacraments, we at Trinity Lutheran Church are committed to sharing His love and reaching out to meet the needs of all people.

Gaudete- December 15th, 2024

Welcome to All, especially our guests, in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We are glad you are worshiping with us. If you have no church home, please consider making Trinity your church home.

Holy Communion: Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and repent of all their sins. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or are not members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod are asked to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament and speak to pastor. The Common Cup will be served to those who have not taken an individual cup.

+THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE, Page 184+

THE PRELUDE: "Still, Still, Still"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn 338

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: Pages 184-185

THE INTROIT OF THE DAY

THE GLORIA PATRI & KYRIE: Pages 186

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-8

THE GRADUAL

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

THE NICENE CREED: Page 191

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "Arise, O Christian People" Hymn 354

PREACHING CHRIST CRUCIFIED

THE OFFERTORY: Pages 192-193

THE OFFERING: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

THE PRAYERS: After each petition P: Lord, in Your mercy; C: **Hear our prayer**

THE COMMUNION LITURGY: Pages 194-198 Hymns 333, 348, 350, 353

THE NUNC DIMITTIS, THANKSGIVING & BENEDICTION: Pages 199-202

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Hymn 347

THE POSTLUDE: "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

Worship Notes:

Ushers: Thai Daraswad, Trent Shoemaker

Organist: Monica Doty

Elder of the Day: Mike Shoemaker

Assistant: Don Shoemaker

Prayers:

- Those who serve the Church: Rev. Eric Stinnett, Rev. Thomas Bernard, Tirzah Krey, Rev. Matthew Harrison (Synod President) Rev. Rick Stuckwisch (District President), Rev. Martin Keller (Circuit Visitor)
- Those ill, hospitalized, or recovering including: George Delay, Philip Baute, Karen Csanyi, Thai Daraswad, Maddie Adams
- Our Shut-in and Homebound Members: Norma Peters, Frank Wolka, Sr., Bob Bane
- Those celebrating baptismal birthdays, including: Frank Wolka, Jr., Ray Redicker
- Expectant Mothers: Anika Ross, Lillie Beck
- Vacancies: Lord of Life (North Vernon), Holy Cross (Scottsburg)

Attendance: December 8th, 2024

Worship: 121

This Week At A Glance (December 15th- 22nd, 2024)

Sunday: Christmas Program Practice @8:30A.M.

Divine Service Setting Three Service @9:30A.M.

Catechism and Choir after service

Christmas Caroling @2:00P.M.

Tuesday: LEA Meeting @6:00P.M.

Wednesday: Advent Meal @6:00P.M.

Vespers Service @7:00P.M.

Thursday: 4-H Meeting @4:00P.M.

Sunday: Christmas Program Practice @8:30A.M.

Matins Service @9:30A.M.

Catechism and Choir after service

Stewardship:

- Offerings received last week (includes Advent Midweek): \$4,118.50
- Total offerings received to date: \$310,627.74
- Weekly needs to make the 2024 budget: \$7,041
- Total budget needs to date: \$352,050
- Other items from last week: \$150 Budget Treasury Missions LCMS; \$170 Mission Festival

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what’s coming and we don’t.

Trinity News and Notes:

- **Installation of Officers**

Last Sunday, we elected new officers to help carry out the work of our congregation: Trent Shoemaker (Recording Secretary), Treasurer (Ryan Delph), Elder (Clint Wolka), Sunday School Superintendent (Bethany Helwig), Trustees (Michael Redicker). We will install new officers during the service on Sunday, January 5th. Thank you to those who allowed their names to stand, and to all outgoing officers for your service.

- **Quarterly Meetings Upcoming!**

The various boards of the church will have an opportunity to meet on Thursday, January 9th, at 6:30 to consider any items in advance of the church council meeting at 7 p.m. The voters’ meeting will take place on Sunday, January 12th, following the service.

- **Christmas Eve Goody Bags**

There’s still time to donate items for goody bags for the Christmas Eve program participants. We have about 30 kids in this year’s program! There is also an envelope for those who would rather donate cash to the effort. Stay tuned for opportunities to help fill the bags.

- **Epiphany Service**

We will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord—the Christmas of the Gentiles and the visit of the wisemen—on Monday, January 6th, at 7 p.m. Pastor will be leading the congregation in a Christmas hymn sing before the service, starting at 6:45. Come ready to suggest your favorite hymn!

- **Household of Faith January Event**
The Household of Faith will be going to Perfect North on Saturday, January 11th. In order to help us with our planning, please sign up in the lobby to let us know you want to come!
- **Christmas Undecorating**
We will take Christmas decorations down on Saturday, January 11th, starting at 8 a.m. If you are unsure if you were on the Christmas decorations list, check the list in the lobby.
- **Anniversary Mission Project**
Our final month of our anniversary mission project is upon us! We're collecting diapers and wipes again for Clarity in Seymour. Place donations in the pack 'n play at the front of the church by the end of the month. Please note: Clarity is especially in need of larger sized diapers.
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The Household of Faith cordially invites you to join us for Christmas caroling at Hoosier Christian Village and Lutheran Community Homes today. We plan to meet at 2. After caroling, we will reconvene at the church for a meal.
- **Altar Guild Volunteers Needed**
The 2025 Altar Guild schedule is now posted in the lobby! Sign up now to ensure you get the month you want to serve! If you are interested in serving on the altar guild, but you've never done it before, talk to Debbie Helwig, Pattie Lubker, or Pastor McKinley to learn more!
- **Anniversary Photo Order**
In August, we took a congregational photo for our anniversary celebration. You may order a copy of that photo now! There is an order form available on the table in the lobby. The last day for orders will be today. For those who have ordered a photo, there is an envelope to put the money in for your order.
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The Christmas Eve special music sign up sheet is on the table in the lobby now! Sign up with your name (or the name of your group) and the piece you will be singing or playing. If you need musical accompaniment, you are responsible for finding someone to play for you.
- **Christmas Concert**
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Clifty) is hosting a FREE Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 22nd, at 7 p.m. The concert will be presented by the Beecher Singers and Orchestra from Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and will include congregational singing of Christmas carols. A pre-concert harp recital begins at 6:40 p.m.
- **Christmas Programming for Children on TV**
Watch Lutheran Hour Ministries programs on TV! Little Shepherd will air December 15th at 12:30 p.m. on Wave 3 TV. Red Boots for Christmas will air December 22nd at 6:30 p.m. on WDRB 41. The Stableboy's Christmas will air December 24th at 9 a.m. on WHAS 11.
- **Truth, Goodness, & Beauty**
Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Gladiator II," The Hymn "May God Bestow on Us His Grace," Roman Catholicism & Indulgences, Mary Visits Elizabeth, The Testimony of John the Baptist and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

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