# **Today's Ministers**

Presider: Vicar Aaron Preaching: Vicar Aaron

Assisting Minister: Karissa Armbrust

Crucifer: Cedar Hilger Acolyte: Zander Radke Reader: Margretta Spady

Children's Message: Vicar Aaron

Music: Bryce Leifeste

Audio/Streaming: Karson Hanson

& TBD

Greeters: Pat & Donna Benoit Ushers: Darrel & Peggy Miller Altar Guild: Kristina Radke

Counters: Andrew Hanson & Sierra Armbrust

Fellowship: Jacksons Bread: Tami Robinson Wine: Henderson

Eternal Candle: Henderson Flowers: Hellers/Greens

#### Next Week's Ministers - December 28

Presider: Vicar Aaron Preaching: Vicar Aaron

Assisting Minister: Mary Braudrick

Crucifer: **TBD** 

Acolyte: Aggie Klahn Reader: Amanda Hanson

Children's Message: Steve VanAtter

Music: Bryce Leifeste Audio/Streaming: Larry Mills

& TBD

Greeters: Darrel Miller & Peggy Miller

Ushers: Radke Family

Altar Guild: Lloyd & Judy Kellar Counters: Larry Mills & Lloyd Kellar

Fellowship: Radke Family Bread: Tami Robinson Wine: Henderson

Eternal Candle: Henderson

Flowers: VanAtters



Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C December 21, 2025



# Welcome!

# Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel.

# **Synodically Authorized Minister:**

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# Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nüümü (Northern Paiute), Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla tribes. Our location here was made possible by the displacement and dispossession of these tribes. We acknowledge and honor these tribes, who have and continue to care for this land, which is their home since time immemorial.

Follow us on





Services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages, and the bulletin is available on the website to follow along.

#### Who We Are

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Treasure Valley Cluster in the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is one of 150 member churches in 96 countries that are part of the Lutheran World Federation.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK		
Today	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Pack/Deliver Christmas Food Boxes
	11:15 am	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12-3 pm	D&D Session
Monday	9:00 pm	Epistle Articles Due

Tuesday 12:00 pm Al-Anon (Sunday School room)
2 – 4 pm Study Group (Kathy Schnabel's house)

Wednesday 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Thursday Christmas

#### **NEXT WEEK**

December 28 9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Noisy Offering)

11:15 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Vicar out of office

Christmas Eve

Monday Vicar out of office

Tuesday 12:00 pm Al-Anon (Sunday School room) 2 – 4 pm Study Group (David Sheriff's house)

Vicar out of office

Wednesday 6:30 – 10 pm New Years Eve potluck dinner celebration

Vicar out of office

Thursday 6:30 pm Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

Vicar out of office New Years Day

Friday Vicar out of office

Saturday Vicar out of office

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#### IN OUR PRAYERS

For healing: Colton (Fran & Elwood's grandson – brain tumor)

Monica Perez (friend of Edith Hannett – in need of a kidney)
Angel Bray (Cancer is dormant – Margretta's granddaughter)

Alex Witherspoon (healing from traumatic brain injury – Amanda Hanson)

Eileen Warner (Received pacemaker. Kristina Radke's Mom) Linda Larson (in treatment for lymphoma – Mary Braudrick)

Tina Zielinski (Ankle/Leg healing daughter of Randy & Martha Miller)

Cody (Youth with heart condition – Emily Bentley) Addie (Teenage Crohn's disease – Cathy Winwood)

Rita (Renee's sister -- Renee VanAtter) Linda Dombeck (health issues – Mary Braudrick)

Gail Leininger (recovering from shoulder surgery – Mary Helen)

Michelle Dombeck (health concerns – Linda Dombeck)
Glynis Calhoun (upcoming surgery – Mary Braudrick)
Shawn Houston (upcoming surgery – Linda Dombeck)

Heather Baldini (having hysterectomy surgery – Kristina Radke)

Heidi Baldwin (health issues – Carr family)

For Andrew (from Elizabeth Schnabel)

For Berger Family (mourning loss of daughter from Mary Helen & Gail)

For Allissa Smiley (mourning loss of husband Joe – Mary Helen)
For Family of Amy Bal (died from pneumonia -- from Radke Family)
For Mitchell family (mourning loss father Malcom – Mary Helen)
For Daughter in Iowa (searching for Nurse Practitioner job – Mary B)

For Shannon Miller (mourning loss of Pat Malloy, past member of Trinity)
For EJ & Laura Clubb (mourning loss of Elvin Clubb – Lloyd & Judy Kellar)

For Jane Leininger (mourning loss of mother – Gail Leininger)

For Jerry Radke (has been moved to nursing home – Radke family)

# **People in the Armed Services:**

Brett Collins (grandson of Helen Collins – Marines)
John C. Collins II (grandson of Helen Collins – Navy SEAL)

Bill MacDonald (Navy)

Amanda Love (Cathy Winwood's Niece – Army)

Prayer concerns will be removed after two months on the list unless you let the office know otherwise.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **Guide to the Bulletin**

C: Congregation P: Presider A: Assisting Minister R: Reader

#### PRELUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Gather the children around the font. Invite the children to repeat each sentence.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We need water to drink.

C: We need water to drink.

P: We need water to wash.

C: We need water to wash.

P: We need water to grow.

C: We need water to grow.

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

C: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

Invite the children to stretch their hands out over the font. Pour water over their hands into the font.

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: Amen, with water.

C: Amen, with water.

Invite the children to mark their own or one another's foreheads with water and the sign of the cross.

# The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW #265

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- 2 "For know a bless ed moth er thou shalt be,
- 3 Then gen tle Mar y meek ly bowed her

**GATHERING HYMN** 

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**EQUAL EXCHANGE** -- These products make great Christmas gifts for bosses, teachers, co-workers, family and friends. An Equal Exchange gift will give twice—it gives back to the famers AND to the receiver. Oops, it gives THREE times! When you purchase an Equal Exchange item in November and December you will be entered into a drawing to win Equal Exchange goodies! Thanks to the many Trinity members who donated monies towards the raffles!

# **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

# Friday, December 26, 2025 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

# Saturday, December 27, 2025 John, Apostle and Evangelist

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>DONATIONS BY VERSE</u> — One of the readings for December 14<sup>th</sup> is from James 5:7. The verse talks about the patience the farmer has for the land to produce precious crops. Church in Community is asking that you bring in cans of vegetables for the pantry. Thank you!

<u>ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET --</u> A huge thank you to each and every one of you who wrote a devotion and are key in making our yearly booklet a reality. There are hard copies in the Narthex and also a pdf version on our website - great for sharing with your out-of-town friends and family.

**ENDING YEAR OF GRATITUDE** -- A great way to end our year of gratitude is to remember to be thankful to Trinity members for all their support (monetarily & physically through hard work) that helped with Church in Community projects this past year. Trinity has touched the lives of many in our community and we are so incredibly grateful and thankful for this. – Church in Community

<u>CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES –</u> Church in Community is wanting to fill 6 food baskets for people in need this Christmas. Food items go in the big basket in the Narthex and gift cards go into the VanAtter's mailbox or into the office. Today, after church service, please plan on staying to help pack and deliver the food baskets. Thank you to everyone who made these boxes possible! – Church in Community

**SPECIAL THANK YOU –** to Xander, Carl, and Kristina for helping spread the news about the Christmas food boxes and for making it fun!!!

<u>DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING --</u> On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> will be going towards assisting the senior citizen program through Lake Lowell Animal Rescue. Many senior citizens are on a limited budget and struggle to pay their heating, power, and other bills in the winter while having enough money to buy food for their pets. Monies collected will be used to purchase cat and dog food for these senior citizens. If you prefer, you can purchase cat/dog foods and bring them into the church. Boxes will be in the Narthex for collection. Here are a few guidelines for your donations: All pet foods must be made in the USA; Only 5–10-pound bags (weight lifting restrictions for senior citizens); Small bags of cat litter; Gently used blankets are also needed. Thanks so much for caring!

#### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## **KYRIE**











- 2 Glo ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
- 3 Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



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Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame; Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed; Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;







#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. C: I love this Church!

Consider taking your bulletin home with you so that you can pray for those on our prayer list during the week and will know what activities are happening this week at Trinity.



#### Notes

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

<sup>10</sup> The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." 13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- R: <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- C: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

R: <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: <sup>4</sup>O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

All: Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

R: <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

C: <sup>6</sup> You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

R: <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: <sup>17</sup> Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

R: <sup>18</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

C: <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

All: Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

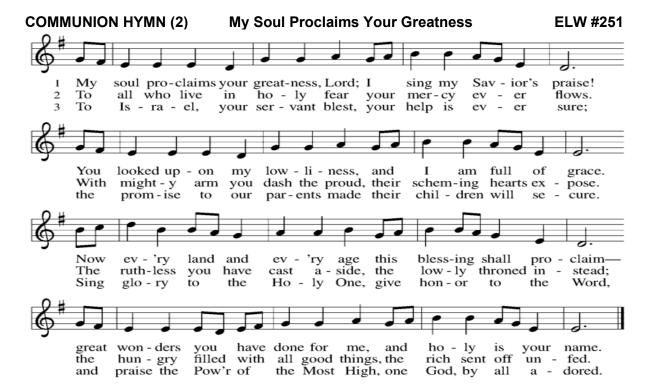
<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.



# SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise as you are able.

# **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray

A: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P: God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
H bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# You may be seated.

The ushers will tell you when it is time to go up to receive communion.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

# **Holy Communion**

Everyone, including children, who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to Christ's table.

Gluten free wafers are available. Simply ask the Pastor.

Cups in the tray: The inner ring of cups is white grape juice.

The outer ring of cups is rose wine.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



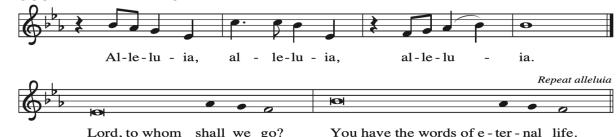
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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# You may be seated. THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# THE HOMILY Please rise as you are able.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

# O Come. O Come Emmanuel

**ELW #257** 



- O come, O Wis dom from
- O come, O come, O Lord
- O come, O Branch of Jes
- on high,
  - em brac ing all things of might, se, free
    - to your tribes on as your own from Sa - tan's
- that mourns in lone ly here ra el. ex

and nigh: in strengthand beau - ty stay; far and come nai's height in an - cient times you the law gave from depths of hell your ple save, tyr an - ny; peo



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. us your will and guide our way. cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice!



- P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; ..... The earth is full of your glory.
- C: The earth is full of your glory.
- P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.
- C: The earth is full of your glory.
- P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, ..... The earth is full of your glory.
- C: The earth is full of your glory.
- P: Amen. and Amen.
- C: Amen, and Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome to Christ's table.

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life..... The earth is full of your glory.
- C: The earth is full of your glory.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C: Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You may now greet those around you saying "Peace be with you". You may shake hands, bump elbows, hold up two fingers in the "Peace sign". Do whichever is comfortable for you.

# You may be seated. Our liturgy continues with the offering.



An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may also give online at: nampatrinity.org

# ME.AL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING SONG** 

O Holy Night

**Sung by Margretta Spady** 

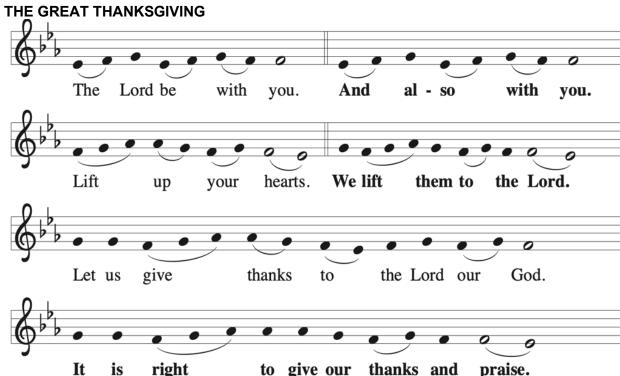
# Please rise as you are able.

# THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.



#### THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn: