

Today's Ministers

Presider: Mary Braudrick
Preaching: Mary Braudrick
Assisting Minister: Mary Braudrick
Crucifer: **TBD**
Acolyte: Aggie Klahn
Reader: Sierra Armbrust
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

Next Week's Ministers – January 04

Presider: Vicar Aaron
Preaching: Vicar Aaron
Assisting Minister: Bryce Quarve
Crucifer: Abigail Radke
Acolyte: Zander Radke
Reader: Tami Robinson
Children's Message: Vicar Aaron
Music: **TBD**
Audio/Streaming: Larry Mills
& Elizabeth Schnabel

Greeters: Lloyd & Judy Kellar
Ushers: Tami Robinson & Michala Mills
Altar Guild: Cathy Winwood
Counters: Edith Hannett & Phil Cronk
Fellowship: **TBD**
Bread: Judy Kellar
Wine: Randy & Martha Miller
Eternal Candle: Randy & Martha Miller
Flowers: **TBD**



First Sunday of Christmas
Year A
December 28, 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.

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Land Acknowledgement

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock, Nūūmū (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
10:00 am
11:15 am

Monday

Tuesday 12:00 pm
2 – 4 pm

Wednesday 6:30 – 10 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday

Saturday

Sunday School
Worship (Noisy Offering)
Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Vicar out of office

Vicar out of office

Al-Anon (Sunday School room)
Study Group (David Sheriff's house)
Vicar out of office

New Years Eve potluck dinner celebration
Vicar out of office

Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)
Vicar out of office
New Years Day

Vicar out of office

Vicar out of office

NEXT WEEK

January 04 9:00 am
10:00 am
11:15 am

Tuesday 12:00 pm
2 – 4 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm

Sunday School
Worship (Noisy Offering)
Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Al-Anon (Sunday School room)
Study Group (Koinonia Room)

Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

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 Alissa 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 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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

GATHERING HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289

Musical score for the hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes three verses of lyrics and a refrain. The lyrics are: 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains, 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long? 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing; and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song? come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king. The refrain is: Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

DIALOUGE

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

OPENING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—
a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of
all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and
joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES – Thanks so very much to everyone who brought in and delivered the Christmas food boxes! Check out our Facebook page for pictures of all the food!

NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING -- Thanks very much to everyone for helping with the November Noisy Offering to the Women’s and Children’s Shelter. See the January Epistle for a list of all the items donated. They were very grateful! Also included in the donation were 157 pounds of salad greens from the Trinity Community Garden this summer! – Church in Community

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER – On Tuesday, January 6th at 11:30 am Trinity Lutheran will be hosting a Christmas co-ed potluck luncheon. Bring a salad or dessert to share. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange, so bring something fun if you would like to participate! No RSVP necessary, all are welcome!

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

Thursday, January 01, 2025

Name of Jesus

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

Friday, January 02, 2025

Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehe's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS BY VERSE – One of the readings for December 14th 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!

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET -- 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

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

DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING – Today's Noisy Offering 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 food 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 (weightlifting restrictions for senior citizens); Small bags of cat litter; Gently used blankets are also needed. Thanks so much for caring!

MONDAY MIDWINTER MOVIES -- We are just over 1 week away from the first film in our annual winter series. On January 5th, the movie will be "Nonnas", a biopic about a man who decided to open an Italian restaurant in New York City and hire 4 older "grandmas" as his chefs. Films start at 6:30 pm, but you are welcome to arrive any time after 6:00 pm - to chat and enjoy snacks. Tami Robinson is our host; her address is 818 W Oakmont in Nampa (just north of Iowa and east of Midland). All are welcome to enjoy this comedy with us.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION – Join us for a joyful celebration open to the entire family, as well as your friends. This will be a potluck dinner, so please bring your favorite dish to share here at Trinity Lutheran on December 31 at 6:30 pm. Games will follow the meal. Look forward to seeing you there!

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.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

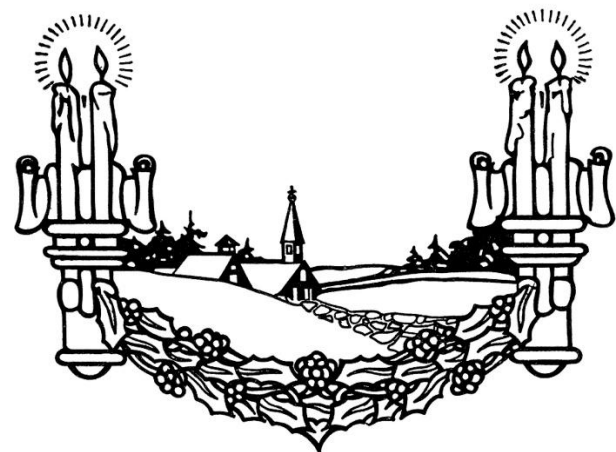
¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies ELW 280

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight rulers.

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279



SENDING SONG

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

ELW 288

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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BLESSING

P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: Praise God, all creatures here below!

P: You are the shepherds telling the story.

C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

P: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

P: You are the angels announcing peace.

C: We live with joy and go now in peace.

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



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THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW 265

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child ELW 297

LORD’S PRAYER

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.



RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to sing for joy with the angels.

P: In the brightness of his life

C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

P: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.



FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW 275

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the Bleak Midwinter ELW 294

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Of the Father’s Love Begotten ELW 295