

**Welcome
to Trinity**

#3 Do Not Be Offend by This Lowly Christ

For no emperor, king or temporal authority, with all their power, can deliver you from one sin, or with their money and goods heal the least disease, much less afford help against eternal death and hell. But this lovely King, Christ, delivers me, not only from one sin, but from all my sins, and not me only, but the whole world. He comes to take away not only sickness, but death, and not only from me, but from the whole world.

This is what the Evangelist desires to have announced to the daughter of Zion from the prophet; **not to be offended** at His lowly coming, but to close the eyes and open the ears, that she may not see in what poverty He rides, but hear what is said of this poor King. Reason looks only on this poor and humble form, that He rides upon an ass without saddle or spurs, like a beggar, and is offended at it; but does not see that He can deliver us from sin, destroy death, and give us everlasting holiness, righteousness, eternal salvation and eternal life. Therefore we must tell and proclaim it, that the people may hear and believe. This is what the Evangelist means when he says: "Tell ye the daughter of Zion." Why? **In order that she may know it, and not heed, nor be offended at this**, that He comes in such poverty and soon after dies ignominiously. For all this takes place for your good, in order that He, as a Savior, may help you against the devil and death, to sanctify and deliver you from sin. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the 1st Sunday in Advent, Volume 1, p. 19-20)

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Dec 24/31 Horman

Divine Service

ASBH #67 "Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

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Lutheran Worship Hymnal

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Malachi 3:1-6

¹“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.²“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He *is* like a refiner’s fire And like launderer’s soap.³He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.⁴“Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.⁵And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien— Because they do not fear Me,” Says the LORD of hosts.⁶“For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

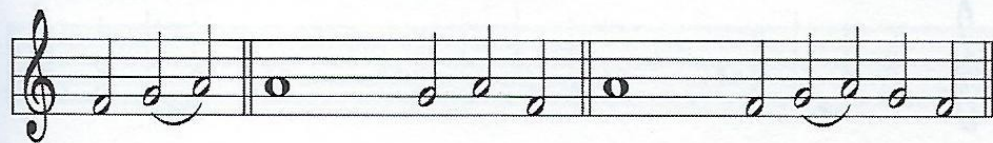
1 Corinthians 4:1-5

¹Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not

even judge myself. ⁴For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

Matthew 11:2-10

²And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” ⁴Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵“*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*” ⁶“And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” ⁷As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸“But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses. ⁹“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰“For this is *he* of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’”

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (VIOLET)**Introit.**

Ant. RE- JOICE || in the | Lord | al- | way:
and again | I | say, | Re- | joice.

|| Let your moderation be known | to | all | men:
the | Lord | is | at | hand.

|| Be careful | for | noth- | ing:

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made | known | un- | to | God.

Psalm. || LORD, Thou hast been favorable un- | to | Thy | land:
Thou hast brought back the captiv- | ity | of | Ja- | cob.

GLO- RY || be to the Father and | to | the | Son:
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ev- | er | shall | be:
world with | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by Thy gracious visitation; Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* (*Also: Collect for First Sunday in Advent*)

Epistle. 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 **Gospel.** Matthew 11:2–10

Additional reading: Malachi 3:1–6

Gradual.

|| Thou that dwellest between the Cheru- | bim, | shine | forth:
stir up | Thy | strength | and | come.

|| Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el:

Thou that leadest Jo- | seph | like | a | flock.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Stir | up | Thy | strength:

and come and save us. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: Ant. Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you (Isaiah 35:4). **Isaiah 55:6-11**

Gaudete - 3rd Sunday in Advent
 3. The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger, 1524

7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 7, 6.
 German, 1524

1. The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore -
 2. O time of God ap - point - ed, O
 3. O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en, To

told by an - cient seers, By God, the Fa - ther,
 bright and ho - ly morn! He comes, the King an -
 know and love Thee more, In faith to stand un -

giv - en, In hu - man shape ap - pears;
 oint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born;
 shak - en, In Spi - rit to a - dore,

No sphere His light con - fin - ing,
 His home on earth He mak - eth,
 That we still heav'n - ward hast - ing,

No star so bright - ly shin - ing
 And man of heav'n par - tak - eth,
 Yet here Thy joy fore - tast - ing,

As He, our Mor - ning Star.
 Of life a - gain an heir.
 May reap its ful - ness there. A - men.

Festival of St. Lucy
67. Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Laurentius Laurentii, 1700

Swedish Folksong

1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers,
2. The watch - ers on the moun - tain
3. Ye saints, who here in pa - tience
4. Our Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion,

And let your lights ap - pear! The eve - ning is ad -
Pro - claim the Bride - groom near; Go meet Him as He
Your cross and suf - frings bore, Shall live and reign for -
O Je - sus, now ap - pear; A - rise, Thou Sun so

vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
com - eth, With hal - le - lu - jahs clear.
ev - er, Where sor - row is no more.
longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing,
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing,
A - round the throne of glo - ry
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed,

And soon He draw - eth nigh.
The gates wide o - pen stand;
The Lamb ye shall be - hold,
We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch, and pray, and wres - tle,
Up, up, ye heirs of glo - ry,
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him
The day of earth's re - demp - tion,

At mid - night comes the cry!
The Bride - groom is at hand!
Your di - a - dems of gold!
That brings us un - to Thee! A - men.

General Prayer, p.18-19 ASBH

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- Elderly:** Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- Pregnant:** Susan Plock-Apr, Christina Henson-Jan
- Students:** Tom Weber, Kara Martin, Jonathan Henson, Sarah Miller, Sadie Henson, and Alexis Darnstaedt
- Various Needs:** Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), Christina Borchert (cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charolette Harroun (health concerns), Denise Livingston (friend of Mary Brieschke), Melanie Lentz (friend of Donna Lowrance), Anita Prochaska (recovery and procedure Dec 29)

In the Sacristy 2.

GOD and Master of all things, make us the unworthy, O Lover of men, worthy of this hour, that we, remaining pure from all guile and all hypocrisy, may be united together by the bond of peace and love, being established by the sanctification of Thy divine knowledge, through Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with Whom **Thou are blessed, with Thy most Holy and Good and Quickening Spirit, now and ever and to ages of ages. Amen.** (Oremus, 1925, p.128).

Trinity News

Second Planning Meeting.—Monday, February 12, from 6 to 8 PM. With prayer for guidance and wise planning, it's time to unite around a new common goal and blaze a path forward.

Christmas Services.--This year's services will be Sunday, **December 24 at 10:15 AM** with Bible Class preceding at 9 AM, and Monday, **December 25 Matins at 8 AM and Divine Service at 9:00 AM.**

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-**Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**
-Christmas Caroling

WEDNESDAY -**Full Matins for Ember Wednesday, 8:00 AM**
-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-**Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

THURSDAY -Divine Service, St. Thomas, Apostle, 10:30 AM

FRIDAY -**Full Matins for Ember Friday, 8:00 AM**

SATURDAY -Divine Service, St. Thorlak, 7:00 PM

NEXT -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

SUNDAY -**CHRIST'S MASS EVE Divine Service, 10:15 AM**

NEXT -Christmas Dawn Matins, 8:00 AM

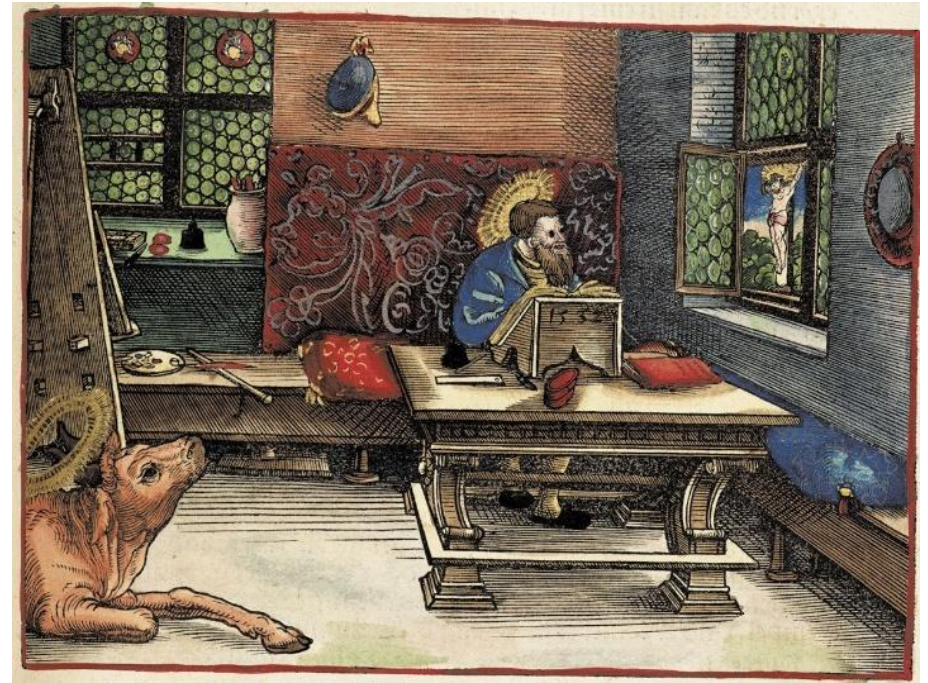
MONDAY -**CHRIST'S MASS DAY Divine Service, 9 AM**

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the

ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar.

Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.



The Luther Bible 1534: The Gospel of St. Luke, #