

# Thanksgiving Eve



*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

*John 6:35*

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

# Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 7:00 pm

PRELUDE

*Thanks Be to God*

G. F. HANDEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

COME, ALL YOU PEOPLE

ELW 819

*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.

**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**

A In peace, in peace,

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

*to Verses*

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... *Refrain*

A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... *Refrain*

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
 God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
 for ev - er.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
 make us peo - ple of God; to make  
 all things new.

*to Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Almighty God our Father,

**C** your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST Reading: Joel 2:21-27**

<sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. <sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 100**

*Psalm will be read responsively with the lector*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

P The holy gospel according to the 6th chapter of John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 6:25-35**

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

DIANE DUKAT, PMA

HYMN OF THE DAY

*OH, SING TO THE LORD*

ELW 822



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

A All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

**C so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.**

A As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness,

**C our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.**

A We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators,

**C and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.**

A We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,

**C and pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.**

A We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,

**C and pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.**

A We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us,

**C and pray that you would befriend those who are alone.**

A The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.

**C May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.**

P Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,

**C so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives.**

P In the name of Jesus we ask it.

**C Amen.**

## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

The offering will be shared evenly among the congregations to support ministries that address food insecurity.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues with: "might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your". The third staff has: "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!". The fourth staff has: "Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -". The fifth and final staff has: "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!". The score concludes with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Father in heaven,

**C 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 A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

## COMMUNION

*We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share in Holy Communion. An usher will invite your pew to go forward to receive Communion. The pulpit side will commune first, then the organ side. To one side of the pastor distributing the wafers you will find an assisting minister with a tray containing individual cups of wine or white grape juice. An acolyte will receive your used cup. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

*Everyone who goes forward for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.*

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

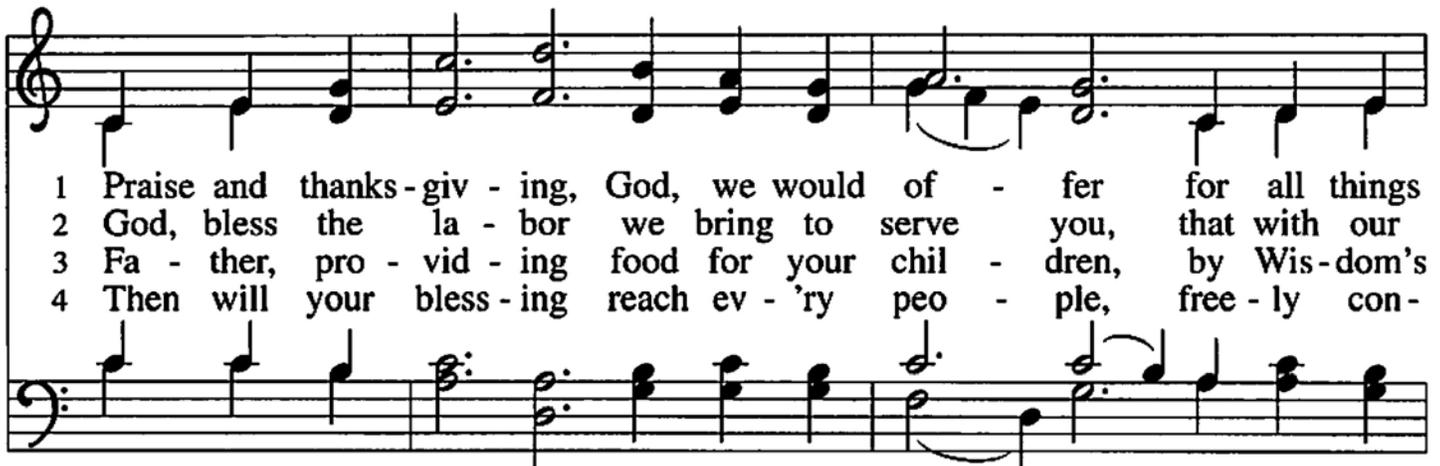
we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the  | bread | of   | Christ's   | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek  | not | the  | food  | that | will       | pass a - way;    | set your   |
| 3 | Love  | as  | the  | one   | who, | in         | love for you,    | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in  | the  | one   | who  | now        | dwells in you;   | make your  |
| 5 | Drink | of  | this | cup   | and  | de - clare | his death;       | eat this   |

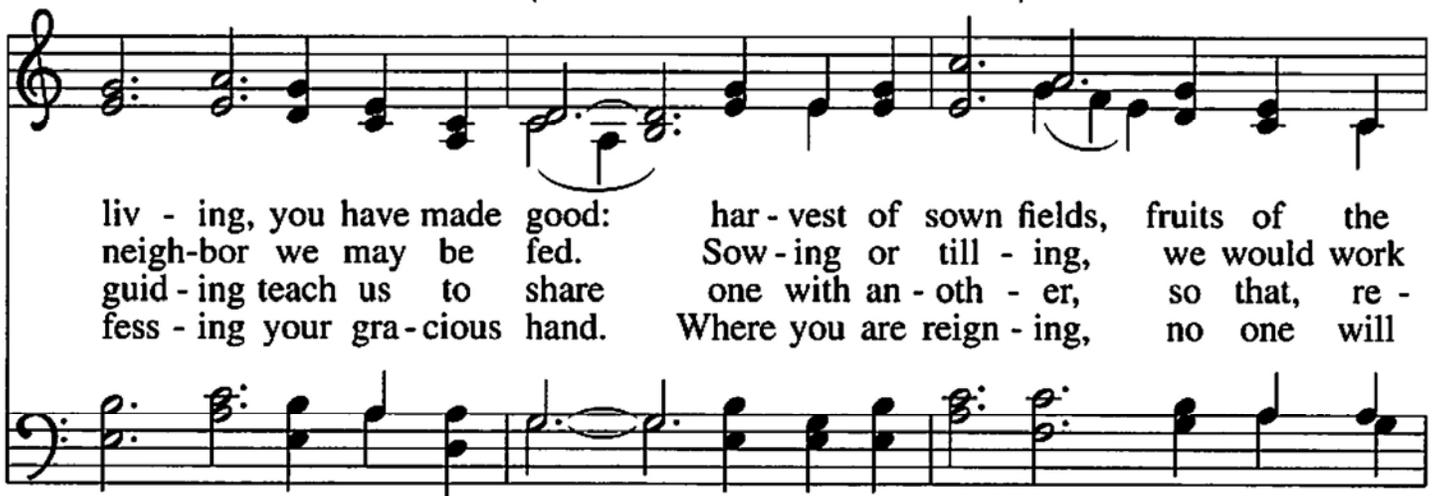
thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat,	all of you,	and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come,	learn the true	and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come	to the one	who is
home in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly Christ,	Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust	his re - turn	and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves	will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness	of life	may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger	and thirst	be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth	you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you	are re - born.

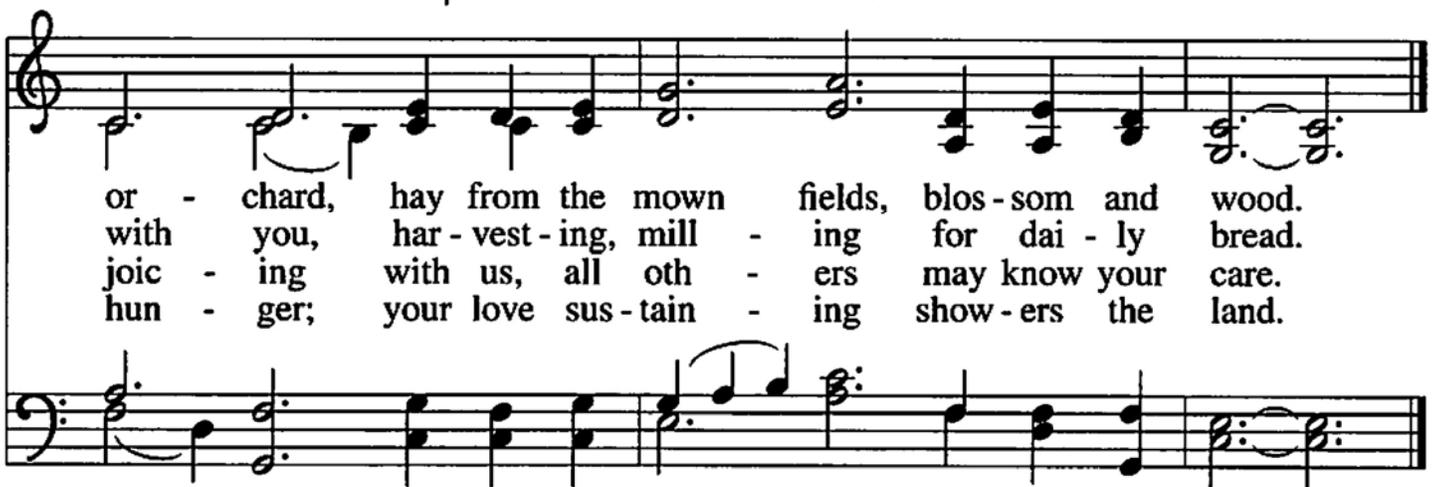
*Refrain*



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.



*A - ra - mos nues-tros cam-pos, y lue - goel sem - bra - dor*  
 1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



*en e - llos la si - mien - te es - par - ce con a - mor.*  
 but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



*Mas es de Dios la ma - no que laha - ce ger - mi - nar,*  
 who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for what your love im - parts



*ca - lor y llu - via dan - do a to - dos por i - gual.*  
 the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/A BLESSING FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER

P Thank you, God, for this worship we have shared tonight, for your gifts of community and love. You truly give us more than we could ever hope to repay. But now we ask for your blessings upon us, and especially upon all that we will do tomorrow. Bless those who will gather with us, and bless us in our work and our play. Bless our conversations and our laughter. Bless the food that we will share around our tables. And, most of all, give us grateful hearts for all that you have given us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

#### BLESSING

P The blessings of Almighty God, the giver of life; of Christ, the lover of our souls; and of the Holy Spirit, the enabler of our gratitude, be upon us and among us, now and forever. **C Amen**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening! The clergy and staff at Trinity Lutheran, First Lutheran and Our Savior’s Lutheran wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presiding Minister.....	Pr. Deb Cantrell, OSLC
Preacher .....	PMA Diane Dukat, 1st
Assisting Minister .....	Bob Horton, TLC
Lector .....	Bob Horton, TLC
Organist .....	Mitchell Bean
Ushers .....	Marcy Carlson, TLC
.....	Duane Pomeroy TLC
Altar Guild.....	Donna Allen, Pam Kobbeman, Cindy McGinnis

*Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and refreshments.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- Advent Midweek Worship Service on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting December 3rd. These will be led by Joyce Koenig, PMA.
- December 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. is our Drive Through Living Nativity.
- December 21st service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m.
- December 24th Christmas Eve worship at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN**

- “Hope Incarnate” Advent evening services– Wednesdays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm
- *Gifts in Action Auction*, Youth National Gathering Fundraiser, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM
- *Vigil of Hope*- Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service– December 24 at 6:00 pm
- Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service– December 24 at 4:00 pm





## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

# Together in Community

# Living with Christ

# Caring for Neighbors

### Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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