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SUNDAY

Worship
8:30am & 10:30am

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& Sunday School
(September-May)
9:40am

WEDNESDAY

Worship On Wednesdays
& Wednesday Night Bible Study
**Resumes in January*

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2025 Holiday Worship Schedule*

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GUESTS: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

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 who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. **The following questions are helpful in preparing for attendance at the Lord's Supper:**

- *Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?*
- *Do I believe that I am a sinful human being with no hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?*
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my precious Savior?*
- *Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood (Real Presence)?*
- *Am I in fellowship with this congregation (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)?*
- *Do I intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?*

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn #333 Once He Came in Blessing

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
 dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
 Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
 save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie (responses sung)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day (responses sung)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”
 For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
 and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.
⁵O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (sung)

LSB 156

C Alleluia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel (responses sung)

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day-#332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

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Sermon-“The Glorious Mountain of the House of the Lord” (Is. 2:2-3)

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray on behalf of the world, those with special need, and for all the faithful.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

P That we may depart from the ways of the wicked and manifest in word and deed our faith in His Word and our delight in His will, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we may resist the temptation to despair in time of trouble and manifest a joyful heart and hope in all circumstances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That those who suffer in any want or need—the sick, grieving, and those troubled in mind or soul—may be granted healing and comfort, [*especially . . .*], and that all may be preserved in faith and holiness to the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we may be united in doctrine and life and that in the unity of this Table all who here receive the Sacrament may be granted discernment of Christ's body and blood and faith to receive this communion to their benefit, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;**

give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

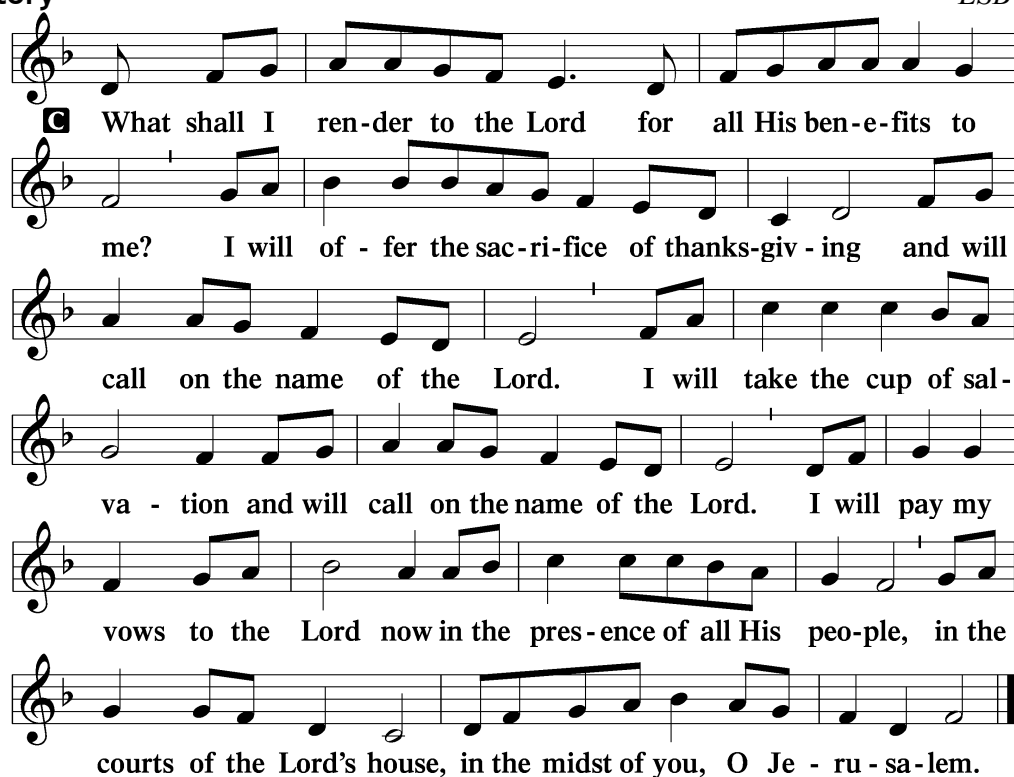
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

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Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (responses sung)

LSB 160

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away

the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

- C** Amen.

Pax Domini (response sung)

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei (sung)

LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?

Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?

Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;

Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

- 5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.
- 6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

- 7 There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and forevermore.

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350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

- 1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
 Only hope for sinful mortals!
 Come, O Savior of the world!
 Open are to Thee all portals.
 Come, Thy beauty let us see;
 Anxiously we wait for Thee.
- 2 Enter now my waiting heart,
 Glorious King and Lord most holy.
 Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
 Though I am but poor and lowly.
 Ah, what riches will be mine
 When Thou art my guest divine!

- 3 My hosannas and my palms
 Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
 Evermore, as best I can,
 Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
 And in faith I will embrace,
 Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
- 4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
 Jesus, hear our supplication!
 Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
 Bring us blessing and salvation,
 That forever we may sing:
 Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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Post-Communion Collect #937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.

- △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

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Benediction (response sung)

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn #411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**
- ref** In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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CALENDAR			
Today	11/30	3:00pm	Advent By Candlelight
Wednesday	12/3	5:30-6:15pm	Advent Dinner-Soup & Salad
		6:30pm	Advent Worship w/special Christmas message from our Pre-K students
Thursday	12/4	5:00pm	Elders
		6:00pm	Church Council
Saturday	12/6	10:00am	Decorating the church for Christmas
Sunday <i>*Mite Box Sunday</i>	12/7	8:30 & 10:30am	Worship w/Communion
		9:40-10:20am	Sunday School & Bible Study

PLEASE NOTE! The January 2026 regular Voter's Meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 at 11:45AM**. The meeting will be held in the Church Sanctuary following second service. We are trying out a different day and time based on recent discussions at the By-Laws Committee and Voter's Meetings in an attempt to improve attendance and participation. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Eric Marter via email at eric.marter@gmail.com or cell 989-891-6415.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: On Saturday, December 6, at 10:00 in the morning, The Friendship Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas. If anyone would have a couple of hours in the morning, or even one hour, to help us, we would greatly appreciate your help! Many hands make the work easier to accomplish! Please, mark this date on your calendar, and plan to join us in the church for some decorating fun!!

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT: As we ready our homes, churches, and hearts for Christmas, we often turn to familiar decorations—evergreens, lights, the crèche, and wrapped gifts. These symbols of the season do more than beautify our spaces; they invite us to reflect on the coming of Christ. Each day from December 1 through January 6, explore the 2025 Advent Devotion Series “Every Heart Prepare”. Learn how these beloved decorations point us toward Jesus’ birth. Through Scripture, a short message, and a prayer, these daily devotions help us prepare not just our surroundings, but also our hearts, for the arrival of our Savior. **Pick up your copy of “Every Heart Prepare” located on the table in the back of the church. One copy per household please.**

NEED FREE PREK FOR YOUR 4-YEAR-OLD, or know



someone that does? The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is Michigan’s free PreK program for eligible four-year-olds. Trinity now has openings in their GSRP program. Students must turn four by December 1st to be eligible. Enrollment is open to all families regardless of income. For

more information scan the QR code or email Rebecca Setula at rsteffey@trinitymonitor.org.

Worship With Us 2025 Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 26
6:00pm

Advent Services

Wednesday, December 3rd & 10th
6:30pm

Advent Dinners

5:30-6:15pm

Children’s Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 17th
6:00pm

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th
4:30pm

Candlelight

Wednesday, December 24th
10:00pm

Christmas Day w/Communion

Thursday, December 25th
10:00am

New Year’s Eve w/Communion

Wednesday, December 31st
4:30pm



FOOD BAGS FOR CHRISTMAS: Trinity is working with Auburn Area Food Bank to donate 100 bags for Christmas Dinner for the needy in the area. **Pick up a bag today, and return it to Trinity by December 17th.** Thank you so much. –Stewardship Committee

GRACE YOUR CLOSET @ GRACE

AUBURN: Grace Your Closet is a free clothing closet open to anyone in our local community. We are open to the public on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00am–noon. Donations of new or gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children are always welcome and are tax deductible. Our biggest need is for children’s clothing in all sizes. We DO NOT take any garage/rummage/estate sale leftovers. We do not take hangers, purses, men’s suits/neckties, or household items. We do not accept anything but like-new, clean clothing, shoes, boots, and coats. Clothing donations can be dropped off at Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth St, Auburn) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am–noon, or the 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:00am–noon. If you have a large donation (anything over 3 bags/boxes) we ask that you call to schedule a drop off time. We appreciate your help in making Grace Your Closet a larger impact on our local communities. If you have additional questions call our church office at (989)662-6161.



Wild Game
DINNER #9
March 7, 2026

Black Friday
TICKET SALE
SALE

\$10 OFF WITH
CODE: SAVE TEN

BEGINS:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 12:01 A.M.

ENDS:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 11:59 P.M.

<https://one.bidpal.net/trinitymonitor2026/welcome>

NEWS FROM VLHS: Stay in the know with everything going on at Valley! The December Valley Vision highlighting our fall sports successes and students’ March for Life and Michigan Career Quest experiences is now available at www.vlhs.com/vvdec2025.

Did you order fruit from the annual Fruit Sale? Pick up day is Saturday, December 6 from 7:30 am - 2 pm at the outside concession stand at Valley Lutheran! Interested in purchasing fruit but didn’t get in an order? Stop by during pick up times as extra fruit was ordered and can be purchased on the spot. Thanks for your support of VL Boosters!

We invite you to celebrate the coming of the Savior with us - Behold: A Savior is Born! This **Christmas Choral Concert** will be held on Sunday December 7 at 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese. All are invited to bring a canned fruit or vegetable donation to support Trinity’s community partner, the United Christian Community Service (UCCS) food pantry.

Visit the Holy Land in 2027 with Valley Lutheran High School! Walk in the footsteps of Abraham and King David. See where Jesus preached to the crowds. Ride a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Jerusalem and the site of the temple. Visit the sites that will make the Bible come alive! Mr. Patrick Winningham, a Valley Lutheran High School teacher, will lead a trip to Israel (with an optional extension to Jordan) in June of 2027. Any current or former VLHS student, their families, friends, and members from area churches are invited! There will be an informational meeting on Monday, December 1 (7PM) at VLHS in the RC. Please consider attending for more information about this exciting opportunity. Contact Patrick Winningham (pwinningham@vlhs.com) for additional information.